



# Newsletter



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

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9.00am–3.00pm : Friday

## Management Committee

### EXECUTIVE:

President	Marvin Summers
Vice- President	Jenny Broughton
Secretary	Michael McDonald
Treasurer	Sally Gemmell

### ORDINARY:

Alice Fairley
Paul Miles
Neil Marshall
Kathleen Power

## Officers and Volunteers

Class Coordinator	Alice Fairley
Office Coordinator	Kathleen Power
Fire Warden, Australia Fair	Lyn Sturm
Social Convenors	Margaret Karakatsanis Pat Jones
Newsletter Publisher	Marvin Summers

*We are grateful to the Office of Hon Rob Molhoek MP for Southport for the printing of this Newsletter.*

## President's Message

Feel it has been a pretty big year with continuing improvements to Margaret Street, classes on track thanks to the Tutors and Alice, you do a magnificent job guys; successful social outings thanks to our enthusiastic Margaret K. together with Pat who organizes them; and the popular monthly luncheon get-togethers Pat looks after, as well as to the other members who have helped out along the way, thank you.

Neil Marshall will be leading the Painting upstairs at Margaret Street with the help of those who volunteered – thank you, it is going to make such a difference for everyone, and Claire has offered to look after you with refreshments to give you breaks and keep your energy levels up..

And, of course, to the Management Committee, a huge thank you for your commitment and all your hard work, I know how hard you work.

I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year and safe holidays.

**Marvin Summers (President)**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

✓ **OFFICE CLOSED OVER XMAS / NEW BREAK**

Closes Friday 6 December 2019 at 2.00pm.

✓ **OFFICE REOPENS IN 2020:**

Tuesday 28 January to Friday 31 January from 10am to 2pm to take membership registrations only.

Normal hours 9.00am to 3.30pm resume from Monday 3 February.

✓ **TUTORS MEETING**

Thursday 30 January 2020 in Room F3 at the Community Centre at 10.00am

✓ **SEMESTER 1 CLASSES COMMENCE** - Monday 3 February 2020

### **Successful application for Council funding**



*Councillor Gary Baildon*

We are extremely happy to report that our application submitted to the Mayoral and Divisional Donations Program for financial assistance to purchase an air conditioning unit for upstairs in Margaret Street was successful.

This donation was made from Councillor Gary Baildon Divisional 7 Funds, and we have received an overwhelming response from members who use this room on how much of a difference this has already made and will more so benefit from it during the summer months.

We are very grateful for this grant and thank you Councillor Gary Baildon.

### **Notices - Classes in 2020**

**HISTORY - Unsung Women - has been renamed to:**

#### **LIFTING THE LID ON HISToRY**

An alternate view of history from the perspective of the vanquished, the conspiratorial and the unsung.

**CURRENT AFFAIRS & THE ARTS - has been renamed to:**

#### **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

Due to a change in Tutors in 2020, this class will be covering Current Affairs only.

## Class Coordination Notes *By Alice Fairley*



It has been quite a while since I last wrote a report for the Newsletter – thanks to a burn-out, I am getting lazier as time slips by, having been Co-ordinator since 2004, but I am at present still hanging in there, and still hopeful we will soon be able to split this role for others to help – Thank You to Kath, a new Committee Member, who has taken on the task.

However, members are not aware how much change has been brought about behind the scene – or should I say, behind closed doors.

It is amazing that since Marvin Summers first stepped onto the Committee (2017), she has over time reorganized / rearranged procedures that makes for easier access to information via computers on Reception. She is 'fully equipped' with office knowledge, has experience on computers, an eye for detail, a whiz with graphics, and able to communicate on any level. And need I say, our Christmas Lunch was well orchestrated this year.

My appreciation is without bounds for all that Marvin has achieved in a short time – without stepping on toes! Thank You Marvin.

I am hopeful for more members who are computer-literate to come forward next year and give 3 to 4 hours a week right where it is needed most.

### Now, to finish with my usual greeting:

*Another busy year has come to an end, time to catch up with rellies and friends;*

*A change of scenery makes life so sublime, the same old routine must change some time;*

*Voluntary work passes the time of day – at times I feel like giving it away!*

*But a love of the task keeps me on my toes, come the Yuletide season forget all my woes;*

*Up with my feet and down on my bot, to enjoy with pleasure what goodies I've got;*

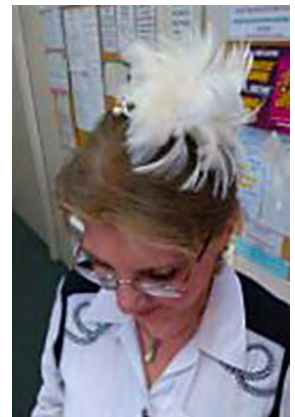
*With a bottle of wine and some Christmas cheer, I send you all good wishes for the coming year -*

**ENJOY!**

## Melbourne Cup – the Fascinators!

The ladies on reception got into the spirit of the Melbourne Cup and adorned their fascinating Fascinators - even the Armchair Travel Tutor dressed for the occasion.

It made a nice change to welcome customers in this fashion and added some colour.



## **And the band played on ... at the U3A's Xmas Party**

Our Ukulele, Guitar and Instrumental & Vocal groups came together to bring us a first class performance at our Christmas Party. Everything came together beautifully - food, good company and all enjoyed themselves. A special presentation was made to our Patron, Councillor Dawn Crichlow who will be retiring in March next year.





**Our Patron, Councillor Dawn Crichlow was presented with a custom worded Retirement card, a Certificate of Appreciation and a Life Membership badge to U3A Gold Coast Inc.**





## Social Activities

# HISTORIC CHURCHES of BRISBANE



## Free Morning Tea



**When: THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2020**

**Pick up: 8.00am outside the Southport RSL Club  
(Terry's Tours)**

**Cost: \$65.00 including Lunch**

**\$5.00 deposit paid in full by FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY**

**Visit the most treasured architectural masterpieces**

Visit St Johns Cathedral and be met by volunteer guides to be taken on an informative tour.

We reboard and travel to enjoy lunch at the historic Breakfast Creek Hotel, built in 1889.

After a lovely lunch, we make our way to St Stephens Chapel and Cathedral, once again joined by a tour guide to enjoy a very informative tour.