



# Newsletter

Learning for Pleasure

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

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## Management Committee

### EXECUTIVE:

President	Jenny Broughton
Vice-President	Neil Marshall
Secretary	Julie McVarnock
Treasurer	Michael McDonald

### ORDINARY:

Lou Stevens  
Paul Miles

## Officers and Volunteers

Class Coordinator	Presently vacant
Fire Warden, A. Fair	Lyn Sturm
Media Editors	Paul Miles Jenny Broughton
Office Manager	Presently vacant
Social Convenors	Margaret Karakatsanis Pat Jones

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

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### Office Hours:

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

## Important Dates

**Monday 5 October** is the **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday** in Queensland. So there will be no classes held on that day, and the Office will also be closed.

**2021 membership registration** opens on **Monday 2 November**.

## President's Message

Well, we are truly back in the swing at U3A and we have had quite a few new members. As you all know, our classes started back in the first week of August, with quite a few of the classes a lot smaller due to Covid19.

*Read more on p 2*

## President's Message

When we were deeply in the lockdown, and even felt that we would not be able to open up again this year, it was decided that as many people had missed out on classes, we would reduce the payments when it came round to Renewals. Sadly, during this time, we had flooding at Margaret Street on two occasions and needed roof repairs urgently, which unfortunately took up a lot of our funds.

As you are all aware, we are a "non profit" organisation, and as such rely on membership fees to pay all the bills, such as electricity, rental for classes at the Community Centre (which is one of our biggest costs), phone bills, rent (peppercorn though it is), rent on the printers, stationery, maintenance and all the expenses of running an office.

Without the membership payments coming in, U3A would have to close down, which I am sure you don't want, and at the General Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September at the Community Centre, there was a lot of discussion about the pros and cons of the payments staying as they are e.g. \$45 if members join now till the end of the year, and \$75 for Renewals, commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> November for the end of 2021. Of course, if you have problems paying this amount, we will certainly listen to you and reduce the amount if you feel you cannot pay it. We are always there to listen to you.

The Volunteers will be working very hard, preparing class lists, and doing all the paperwork which is necessary to run our office efficiently. We have had three new volunteers who are being trained for the front office and we thank them sincerely. Also we thank the Tutors who do such a wonderful job.

Best wishes, and stay safe.

**Jenny Broughton  
(President)**

### **VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONISTS** **STILL NEEDED!**

**If anyone can spare a few hours ... WE still NEED YOU !**

**Shifts on:**

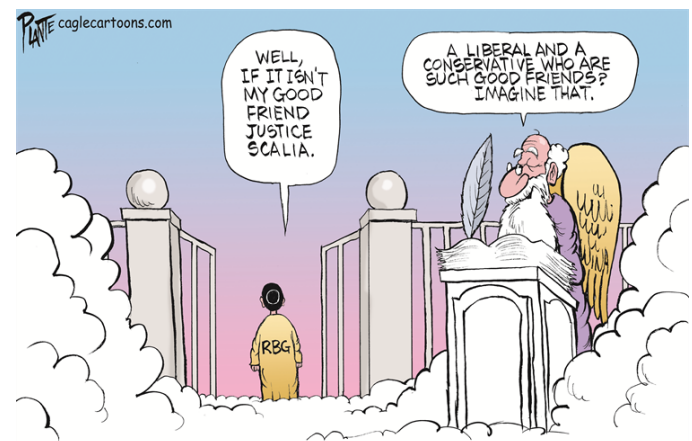
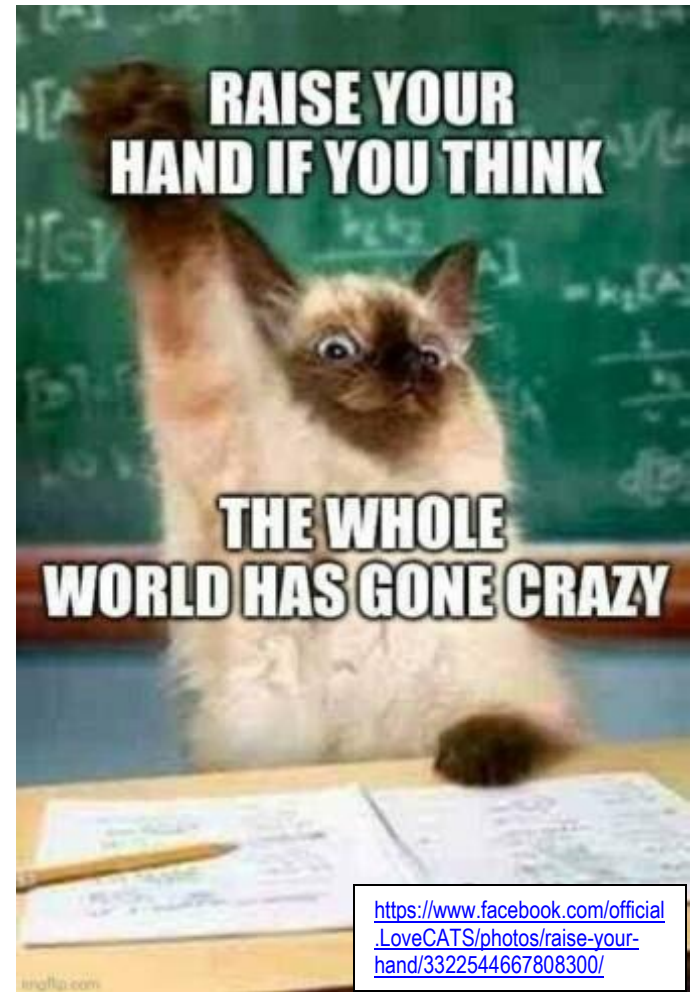
- **Friday 9am to 12.30 and**
- **Friday 12.30 to 3pm**

**PLEASE CALL IN OR RING THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE (5591 6671)**

## Quote of the Month

*"Don't believe everything you read on the internet!"*

**Abraham Lincoln  
(as quoted on the internet)**



**Vale eminent US  
Supreme Court Justice  
Ruth Bader Ginsberg**

Cartoon by Bruce Plante Sept 21, 2020  
<https://www.cagle.com/bruce-plant/2020/09/ruth-bader-ginsburg-6>

# The Social Pages ... and a bit more ....



The Yoga Class posing as warriors  
(or doing the Warrior Pose?)

## Visit to U3A by Rob Molhoek

Rob Molhoek dropped into our office on Tuesday.

As you know, his staff print out our Newsletters monthly for those of the Members who do not have the internet. As our U3A is the only one in his electoral area, he is very interested in our History, classes and concept of "Learning for Pleasure".

He is very aware of the costs we have incurred at our Margaret Street premises, and discussed a substantial grant for further repairs, as he is aware of how many classes are held there, and how important this site is to U3A.

We are grateful for the help and support that Mr Molhoek has given us over the last years.



Members at the last monthly social luncheon at Sunsets, enjoying a lovely view across the water

The next "Get Together Lunch"  
will be held

on: Saturday, 31 October  
at: The Anglers Arms Hotel,  
where: Queen St, Southport  
time: approx 11:30 am for 12:00 noon

## NEW CLASSES STARTING

- **WORLD HISTORY**  
with **Doug Oliver:**  
**on Fridays 9.00 – 11.00**  
**(this class has already started)**
- and
- **BOOK LOVERS / MOVIE CLUB**  
with **Sue Irvine: fortnightly**  
**on Wednesdays 1.30 – 3.30**  
**starting 14 October.**

**For details, ring the office or come in  
and have a look at the noticeboard.**



**Members of the Drawing Class  
in the process of creation**

**BAD JOKE COMPETITION Episode 1**

- A horse walked into a bar and the barman said, "Why the long face"?

**REGISTRATION**

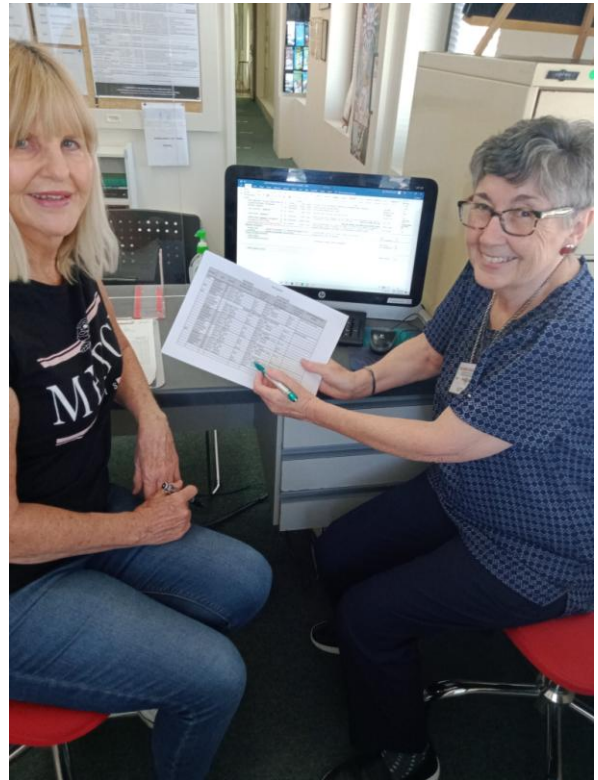
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**2021**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**opens**

**Monday 2 Nov 2020**



**Our Kath shows the ropes  
to another new volunteer, Lesley**

- Little Johnny was picked up from Detention by his mother, who asked him what he had done this time.  
"Well", he said, "this new Teacher asked us 'What is Denial?'  
I put up my hand, said "It's a river in Africa", then everyone laughed and I was sent to detention.