



# Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Big things have small beginnings was the theme for this year's U3A Network Queensland State Conference, held at Redcliffe last week. The keynote speaker was William McInnes, who kept us all laughing with his anecdotes.

Other speakers covered a range of topics, including staying safe in emergency situations, the history of the Redcliffe area and the new Petrie Development hub. Workshops offered information on Cyber Security, Copyright, Incorporated Associations and Estate Planning.

For me a highlight was the talk on international medical evacuation. Cost seem to start at \$40,000 and go rapidly up from there. I will never travel without insurance!

The Conference Dinner was another highlight, with tasty food, soothing entertainment and good company.

The next State Conference will be in Bundaberg and I urge all members to consider attending.

The conference included the AGM, at which a new committee was elected, with Gail Bonser taking over as President. Outgoing President Julie Porteous was elected to the position of Vice President.

At the Presidents Council the need for periodic review of Constitutions and By-laws was mentioned. Your Committee started just such a review in April. I would ask all members to check out these documents on our website. If you think changes need to be made, please get in touch with any member of the management committee.

### FEAST WITH FRIENDS

U3A Gympie members and guests  
Are invited to lunch at  
Cooluum Surf Club  
12.00, Wednesday 11th July  
RSVP to Susan (0416 158 648) by  
5.00pm Friday 6th July

### COMPUTER CLASS CHANGES

From term 3, the available IT classes  
will be:  
9.00 - 10.00am — Smartphones &  
Tablets  
10.30 - 11.30am — Beginners  
Computers

## NEW TRAVEL GROUP

As you may know, a number of members are going on a Great Barrier Reef Cruise next month. Once we return, we will start planning our next travel opportunity. If you are interested in travelling with other U3A members, why not join the travel group? So, whether you want to catch a show in Brisbane, drive around Tasmania, cruise to Vanuatu or adventure in Iceland, join the travel group and find some like-minded companions to share it with. Gather ideas on where you would like to travel and watch the July newsletter for a meeting date and venue. The first meeting will be in late July or early August.

**Term 2 finishes Friday 29th June**  
**Term 3 starts Monday 16th July**

### **TRAVELLER'S FRENCH**

In term 3 Sheena McDonald will offer a short course in Traveller's French. Suitable for absolute beginners, this 10 week course will suit those about to travel to a French speaking country, such as Belgium, Canada, Vanuatu or even France. It is also suitable for anyone who just wants to sample the language. Monday's 9.30 - 11.30 at Gympie Community Place. Expressions of interest to Denice (0490 757 458), before the end of June, please.

### **NEW CRAFT GROUP**

Do you enjoy crafts such as scrapbooking, crochet, card making or cross stitch? We are looking at forming a Craft Group to start in term 3. Everyone would work on the craft of their choice, with someone to provide instruction and support. At this stage, plans are up in the air as to time, day and frequency. It is also possible the tutoring will be shared by a number of people, with varying skills. (Any craft skills you would care to share?) Please let Denice know of your interest in joining this group. (0490 757 458)

### **FEAST WITH FRIENDS**

The Feast With Friends originally scheduled for June will now be held on Wednesday 11th July. Join us for lunch in Coolum, where we hope to be joined by U3A members from Noosa, Sunshine Coast and Caboolture.

Feast with Friends is a new activity for 2018, loosely based on previous Pop-up Lunches. Each term we head out of town to enjoy lunch with local U3A members, and invite them to join us in Gympie in Term 4.

This term, we will head to Coolum Surf Club. They have an award winning beachfront restaurant offering a wide variety of tasty offerings, many cooked on the wood fired char grill. You can check out their menu at: [www.coolumsurfclub.com](http://www.coolumsurfclub.com).

You can arrange your own transport, or contact Susan to get a carpool seat. Non-drivers will be expected to pay \$5.00 to their driver to defray costs. Phone Susan before 5.00pm on Friday 6th July to arrange your lift. (0416 158 648 or 5482 8648).

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 1st June - State Conference
- 5th June - Pub Lunch (Charlie's)
- 5th June - Committee Meeting
- 6th June - Travel Group meeting (Coffee Barn)
- 12th June - Pub Lunch (Charlie's)
- 16th June - Cruise departs
- 19th June - Pub Lunch (Charlie's)
- 23rd June - Cruise returns
- 26th June - Pub Lunch (Charlie's)
- 29th June - Coffee With Friends (D'Café)