



I am sure that we all welcomed the arrival of cooler weather. I hope you all survived the rain and the wind.

The photo above is another of my friend's postcards. How many of you remember meeting your friends and loved ones under the Post Office clock?

President's Message from Marilyn Wagland

Wednesday 18 May was a big day for U3A's

City Campus. Twenty seven Chinese visitors

from the Jinling University for Senior Citizens in Nanjing swooped enthusiastically upon us.

This was a return visit following two visits to their campus in recent years by Bryan Iles and his "Experiencing China" classes.

Unfortunately our campus is miniscule compared to

their high-rise facility where we can join classes and integrate easily. Our limited space meant we could not offer them the same hospitality despite which they still attempted to join in with some of our classes.

We exchanged gifts with them and they entertained us with some traditional dance and tai chi before we escorted them to the Qld Art Gallery where members, Rosemarie Schukraft and Barbara Lloyd gave them a guided tour of the indigenous art exhibition. After lunch the group was taken to Wheller on the Park as they had expressed an interest in looking at retirement living in Australia. Here they happily joined a line dancing class which, fortunately the retirement home residents didn't object to.

It was a hard day with all our language difficulties but they were a friendly, happy group who seemed to thoroughly enjoy their time with us.

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My sincere thanks to Barbara Lloyd and Rosemarie Schukcraft, Bryan Iles and his class members who came in early to support and represent us, and the Wednesday tutors and students who made them welcome, Rod Knaggs who took hundreds of photos, Greg Doolan for the certificates and Caroline Milne for her lovely calligraphy.

I know Pamela Davenport that you have been in hospital but you are now recovering well which is wonderful news. We were very grateful to be able to use your empty classroom on the day.

Expect more tours in the future. Hopefully we will be able to better accommodate them in our new rooms.

Tour of new accommodation at Anzac Square:

The Management Committee has decided to open our new campus at Adelaide St during the last week of term to allow members to inspect

it. The furniture from Queen St is not being moved until 25 June, after term ends, so it won't be fully furnished and work may be going on there but you are welcome to wander in to have a look. Until you get your bearings, the easiest access is from Adelaide St, close to the Anzac Park side where the lobby has a large 232 on the wall. Catch the lift to the 5th floor and there we are!

Logan District News from Jean Townsend

U3A in Logan goes from strength to strength. In Term 3 there will be three new classes:

Quilting on Tuesday mornings in the Browns Plains library;

A new Mah Jong group on Tuesday afternoons in Marsden library; and



Brian Isles and Marilyn Wagland with Vice President Mrs Yuzhen Wang



Group of U3A Members from China with U3A Brisbane members

The Joy of Music on Wednesday mornings in the Logan Central library. The music class will start by learning to play the recorder, add music theory, and go on to composition and ensemble playing.

Our Lunch Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month. We try various restaurants, revisiting our favourites. Numbers are increasing so obviously people enjoy the opportunity to meet old and new friends in an informal setting with time to chat.



The Photography, Video Making and Travellers groups are extremely popular and recently visited Tenterfield for the autumn colours.

Camera Club are planning a nine day visit to Hawaii next May and have promised to bring back great photos of volcanos, jungle and beaches.

Our Coordinator, Monika, has organised publicity stands in several shopping centres which have resulted in new members and tutors. Sadly, Jan Burton has left our local working group, but we are happy to welcome a new volunteer, Eileen Sullivan, who will be active in promoting U3A in Beenleigh. We owe a big thank you to Jan for her contribution over the past two years, and wish her well in her new ventures.

Brisbane City Campus

from Gail Hawkins -

Contact: tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au

Getting the Term 3 Class Schedule finalised has been a major challenge for me as it coincided with the hassles and stress of moving house, but it's all done now. I'm sure that many of our tutors and members are looking forward to moving into the new Adelaide St premises. Adelaide Street will have new state of the art audio visual equipment and it is important that tutors understand the correct operating procedures to avoid misuse and the frustrations involved when the equipment seems to be unserviceable.

On 27th and 28th June we will be holding a Workshop at Adelaide St. The morning session will involve training and demonstrations of the AV equipment and all tutors who intend using the equipment in the coming months must attend one of these sessions. Dr Shelley Allen will facilitate the afternoon sessions on Professional Development, giving tutors an opportunity to share tutoring practices and develop PowerPoint presentation skills. Invitations to these workshops will be emailed to all City Campus tutors.

I am grateful to our tutors who provide their time, expertise and diversity of subject matter to give our members an opportunity to venture out to enjoy the classes in a relaxed atmosphere and to meet new friends along the way. Each month I would like to highlight a class. This issue is the Camera Club that meets every Thursday and has members who are enjoying and understanding their cameras and taking photos they never imagined they were capable of. Contact me if you would like your class highlighted.

This month,

The Focus is on... P16 Camera Club

The Camera Club is a group of enthusiasts, who quite simply like to take photographs that are outside the square of the family snapshot.

They encourage experimenting with the camera to pursue different aspects of photography. For example, they have a competition for photo of the term, with the winning photo being decided by the members.

They cover studio photography [still life and portraits] using studio lighting, and night shoots and pre-dawn shoots to cover the golden hour and the blue hour.

The class has guest speakers, speaking on differing

aspects of photography, and educational meets, where they also review and critique their photos. Members gain confidence in using their cameras and enjoy the interaction with other members.

Below is a sample of the work that Rod and his team produce



Computer Tutors required

from Gwenn Ball (Computer Section co-ordinator) Email gwenn.ball@u3abrisbane.org.au

Volunteer Computer Tutors are needed with hardware and software computer skills. Formal qualifications are not necessary, simply a genuine interest in certain computer programs. As tutors, they will use their existing knowledge and expertise to help and inspire mature adults who want to learn some of the programs that the tutors find enjoyable.

Here are some of the subjects that members have shown interest in:

Blogging, Android, Facebook, Ebay, PowerPoint...
U3A Brisbane's computer section has 10 modern
computers for students to get 'hands on experience' .
These computers have the following programs installed
MS Windows 10, MS Office 2010 ,and 2016.
together with many other popular programs.
Our aim is to keep this section up-to-date in all
technology fields. Perhaps a subject that you may be

able to introduce and teach is not listed? For more information, please contact: Email: gwenn.ball@u3abrisbane.org.au

WINTER SCHOOL UPDATE

Only a few weeks to Winter School so if you haven't already booked you had better get moving as they are filling up fast. Rosemarie Schukraft is already doing two tours of QAG with Art as Memory and they were booked out so fast she has kindly agreed to do a third one. This will be on Wednesday at 11am and numbers of course are limited to 18. Important Role of Reading for us & Emerging Writers by Julianne Schultz has a time change and her session will now be held at 11am instead of 1pm on Tuesday. If this has inconvenienced anyone we apologise but it was beyond our control. Julianne is a dynamic person who is Editor of The Griffith Review which is playing an important role in thoughtful analysis, reportage and commentary from an Australian perspective in a world that is moving away from this type of journalism to the ubiquitous sound-bite.

Professor Wayne Hall University of Queensland



<u>The Case for Legalisation of Medical Cannabis</u>

<u>Professor Wayne Hall – University of Queensland - Thursday 9am</u>

We hear so much about the legalisation of Medical Cannabis on the news – about the children with Epilepsy that need it so desperately - about seriously ill people who need it for pain relief, it is hard to know what is right and what is wrong. It is an important topic and it is surrounded by a great deal of controversy and it is something that might benefit us all sometime in the future. Professor Hall has worked on the public policy and ethics of new biotechnologies arising from the sequencing of the human genome and now works on the social and ethical implications of research in genetics and neuroscience on addiction and mental disorders. He has

advised the World Health Organization on: the health effects of cannabis use; the effectiveness of drug substitution treatment; the scientific quality of the Swiss heroin trials; the contribution of illicit drug use to the global burden of disease; and the ethical implications of genetic and neuroscience research on addiction. In 2001 he was identified by the Institute for Scientific Information as one of the world's most highly cited social scientists in the past 20 years and his neurobiological research on addiction will present analyses in ways that will inform public policy debates about these applications. He is well qualified to speak on this contentious subject and it could quite easily be something that may make a difference to us or our loved ones at some stage of our lives.

Another Couple of Sessions not to Miss: There are still places available with *Coral Johnson*, one of our best tutors, and she is repeating her talk from last year on *The Siege of Malta and the Pedestal Convoy* (Thursday 1pm) and offering a new one which is the story of *John Wycliffe*. At great risk to himself he took on the Church and State and translated the Bible into common language. (*John Wycliffe – Morning Star of the Revolution 11am Thursday*). This extraordinary act of courage literally changed the world.

U3A IT Group

from Helen Carberry:

The next IT Group session will be held on Saturday 18th June (not the 11th) at 344 Queen Street premises, 10 am to 12 noon. Chris Hobbs will present a session on Home Computing - What to Choose, where to shop and compare costs. Please find flyer attached.

The Queen Street venue is a short walk from 97 Creek Street. From the Creek Street venue turn left at the ANZ Bank and 344 Queen Street is on the left just past the Subway shop. Take the escalators to the first floor. If the escalators are not working, the lift will be operated by a volunteer with a security key. If the operator is not in attendance please call 3162 8850 for assistance.

To attend this session, please enrol online at the <u>U3A</u> website

1. Go to the <u>IT Group page</u> on the U3A Brisbane website.

(or navigate from the top menu via *Groups > IT Group*)

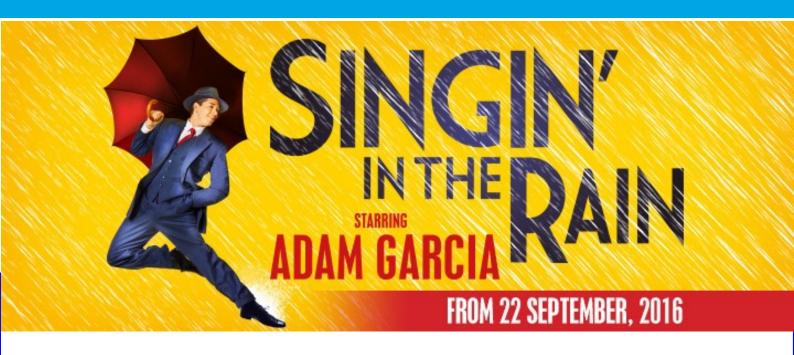
- 2. Click on the *Next Meeting* button near the bottom of the IT Group page.
- 3. On the *Meeting Details* page, click on *Enrol for this Meeting*. Enter your member number and surname when requested. Your enrolment will be confirmed and you will receive an email confirmation.

If you have enrolled but can no longer attend this session please go through the above process again but click *Withdraw Enrolment*.

You can also enrol by logging in to the website as previously. In this case you will not be asked for your Member Number.

Let me know if you have any problems with this.

itgroup@u3abrisbane.org.au



Social Committee News:

from Helen Dubois

There are plenty of tickets still available for



Singin' in the Rain.

We need to have all of them sold by June 22nd. It is a very good production and Adam Garcia will be a wonderful lead.

Details:

When: 18th October at 6:30 PM Where: Lyric Theatre QPAC

Cost: \$85.00 Closing Date: 22nd June

You are able to take your friends if you wish.

Details of next Terms activities will be available two weeks before the end of this Term so keep your eyes open.

Don't forget the Koopa Bribie Island Bus trip on Thursday 23 June. The trip is full but there are usually people who are unable to attend..

Enjoy the classes at the Winter School. There are lots of wonderful talks to get to.

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