



*Who are these?
Swinging along the road,
With a pack on the back,
a song in the heart,
to ease the load?*

Editor's Notes: from Jean Smith

If you are already humming the tune and trying to remember the words of the next line, chances are you were a Girl Guide in the 1960s. I loved being a Guide. The routine of weekly meetings, interesting activities, new skills to be learned – and the camaraderie which comes from being with like-minded people. Based in a rural area too small even to be designated a village, ours was a small company – perhaps twenty of us at the most. But what we lacked in numbers, we more than made up for with enthusiasm, and a leader who drove a considerable distance every Tuesday evening to lead us through the mysteries of reef knots and square-lashing. She was inspirational and encouraged two of us to work towards the Queen's Guide badge, and was as thrilled as we were when we became the first Queen's Guides in our district.

My guiding years were nearly 60 years ago, but I am finding the same purposefulness and camaraderie in my involvement with U3A. The course I am currently attending has opened my eyes and challenged my values in ways I had never considered before – and I have to say that much of this is due to the tutors' deep knowledge and their willingness to share it with us. Having been a U3A tutor, I know how much effort goes into preparing a session and being ready for whatever the class may throw up. How satisfying it is when the class responds to those efforts.

Many interesting parallels between the 1st Guthrie Girl Guide company of the 1960s and today's U3A Brisbane !



President's Message: from Greg Doolan

Term 3 is drawing to a close and that can mean one thing – Spring has arrived. Some of the plants in my garden are starting to come to life, but it would be nice if we could get some much-needed rain to freshen things up a little, wouldn't it?

I know we all enjoy our classes at U3A, but have you considered joining one of the terrific events organised by our Social Group? There are some great shows and excursions to enjoy and I'm sure there will be something in the program that will appeal – following are a few examples: The show "*Chicago*" 28th November (this is the second booking for this show, so hurry) and the Brisbane River Cruise lunch on 25th November. These are all popular events so, if any of these appeal to you, contact the office to book. For future events, check out the offerings on our website:

www.u3abrisbane.org.au/index.php/groups/social-group



If you have attended classes recently you will be aware that the Tap n Go system for credit and debit cards was recently introduced in our Adelaide Street rooms, and I'm happy to report it has been a great success. No more having to find that elusive \$5 note for your class fee, just "Tap n Go" –it's that easy. I have been advised that after just a few weeks this facility is now being used by over 30% of class attendees and this percentage is expected to grow as people get used to the new system. Just another way U3A Brisbane is helping to make attending classes a seamless and enjoyable experience.

Early last year it was decided by the Management Committee to phase out single use coffee cups and replace them with a variety of reusable cups. Many of these replacement cups were generously donated by members who also thought this to be a good idea. This system has been working very well, but we have found that in recent times, some cups have mysteriously disappeared. We are now desperately in need of replacements so, if you have any old cups at home you don't need any more, please drop them to the offices at either Creek or Adelaide Streets. Your donation will be greatly appreciated by those who enjoy a cuppa before or after a class.

Now, I know not everyone is a fan of social media, but I would like to encourage members to view our Facebook page. This page has been operating now for over 6 years and has grown very popular over that time as another means of communication with our current and prospective members. Not only are all our major events, class schedules and eNews newsletters posted to this platform, but also items such as GEMS, the newsletter of U3A Online, which has some terrific articles on just about every subject imaginable plus news from other U3As in Australia and around the world. The occasional humorous article is also included to add a light-hearted flavour to the page and these have proven to be extremely popular. Have a look and see what you think. Our page is:

www.facebook.com/www.u3abrisbane.org.au

or click on the Facebook link on our website.



Until next time, take care and enjoy your classes.

We have several tutors intending to take a well-deserved break at the end of Term 3 to catch up on travel or family commitments. I wish them well and hope to see them back in class, ready to start tutoring again in the New Year. Tutors often request that when they return from leave or long absences that their class be allocated the same day, time and room number that they previously occupied. I will do my best to accommodate these requests, but unfortunately it is not always possible.

Every time I talk to a prospective tutor I am so impressed at the calibre, expertise and professionalism of those who are offering their services to become U3A tutors. I believe we are very fortunate that so many people are prepared to take on the responsibility and the work involved in organising work to cover our 10 weeks of term.

It doesn't seem to matter how many new classes we have, there are still complaints that numerous classes, especially language classes, continue to show 'Class Full'. This is a reminder that the Term 4 Class Schedule will be released shortly and members need to be prompt in enrolling in their classes of choice. All tutors are allocated a classroom and it is their responsibility to only accept the number of enrolments that fits comfortably and safely into the allocated room.

Apart from our regular classes, in Term 4 we have 16 additional classes being scheduled from either new tutors or tutors that are returning after an absence. Check the Term 4 Class Schedule carefully as soon as it is released and support our tutors by enrolling in their classes.

It may sound like a broken record, but we still need additional tutors of any language, preferably at Beginners level. If you know of anyone that may be interested in tutoring, please ask them to contact me. You don't have to be a qualified teacher – we have many different types of language classes viz. Introduction, Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced, Conversation and Grammar, Travellers' Guide and Book Reading. So, to be a language tutor you just need to have a passion and the interest to communicate your skill and love of the language to a group of people very willing to learn – and have fun doing it.

Westside News: from Anna Blake

If you are always saying to yourself 'I can't do maths', here's an opportunity to learn – or perhaps re-learn – some maths as they apply to our everyday lives. Note that the class is held immediately before, and in the same location as EO4 Emerging Contemporary Issues. There is room in EO4 for anyone who would like to follow their maths class with some lively discussion.

S02 MATHS FOR SENIORS *NEW*

John Van Der Werff

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Simple operations: numbers and fractions, percentages, decimals and ratios: Basic algebra and basic geometry: Measurements converting imperial to metric: Statistics and probability charts application of maths to everyday life. Fun and games



Office News: from Yvonne McGann

- **Membership fees.** The annual membership fee of \$40 for 2020 may be paid from 1st September 2019. Get in early to beat the end-of-year rush.
- **Term 4 Class Schedule.** The class schedule for Term 4 will be available online on Sunday 8th September, with hard copy being posted on Monday 9th September.
- **Holiday arrangements.** The last class of Term 3 will be held on Friday 20th September. During the holidays, the Creek St office will be open from 9am till 11am during the second week of the holidays only i.e. from Monday 30th September until Friday 4th October. The Adelaide St rooms will be closed. Classes resume on **Tuesday 8th October.** (*Monday 7th October is the Queen's Birthday public holiday*).

Logan District News: from Martin Bridgstock

As the third term draws to a close, the Logan District is gearing up for the fourth. Keep an eye on the Logan class list, as there may be some new courses on the way.

We recently had our 'Logan Loves Seniors' event, for which there is no exact counterpart in Brisbane. Essentially, dozens of organisations and businesses each have a stall in the Logan Entertainment Centre. Then hundreds of seniors visit the stalls, asking questions and finding out what there is on offer. For the U3A Logan District, we get inquiries ranging from, 'U3A, what's that all about?' through 'I've heard good things about U3A,' to 'I want to renew my membership, how do I do it?' It's a stimulating event, and perhaps our most important recruiting activity.

Oh, and a **VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!** Last month we advertised the Logan Open Day, where you have the chance to come and talk to tutors about our interesting courses. Alas we got the date wrong, so our apologies. Here are the correct details: Tuesday September 24, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at St Mark's Church Hall, Winnetts Road, Daisy Hill. Please note the change, accept our apologies, and we will see you at the event.

IT Group News: from Diane Arapovic

September meeting: *Streaming Media: Accessing Media over the Internet - Movies, Music and More.*

Date: Saturday 14 September, 10am – 12 noon

Venue: U3A Brisbane, 5th floor, 232 Adelaide St (on Saturdays, enter from Creek St atrium)

Cost: \$5.00

Presenter: Deslyn Taylor. [Make a Booking](#)



Social Committee News: From Libby Eichmann

Booked out events are advertised as a reminder of dates and times. Also, members can be put onto a wait list so that when members cancel their booking, this place can be offered to the members who are on the wait list. However, **this does not apply to QPAC events**

If you have any suggestions for trips that may be of interest, you can contact the Social Committee via email:

social@u3abrisbane.org.au

Upcoming Events:

Contact the Creek St office in person or by phone 3236 3055 to make a booking.

Abbey Museum

Date – Wednesday 11th September 2019

Closing date: 4th September 2019

Cost: \$45 per person.

25 seats available for this event.

Pick up at 8.30 am at Stop 59 Kessels Rd Macgregor, Garden City side and 9.00 am at Roma St Transit Centre, stop 125 opposite police headquarters.

Visit to museum and the Abbey Church as well as historical tales of a knight's life. Lunch and morning tea included.

Muriel's Wedding

Date: Wednesday, 9th October, 2019, 1pm at QPAC Lyric Theatre

Bookings for this event have closed, and tickets are available for collection from the U3A Creek Street Admin Office.

Mary Valley Rattler

Date: - Wednesday, 30th October, 2019:

Closing date: 23rd October.

Cost: \$88

Bus Departs: Macgregor: 7:30 am – Kessels Rd - Translink Bus Stop 59, near corner of Kessels Rd and Springfield St, Macgregor (FYI - the Kessels Rd Veterinary Clinic is behind the bus stop). **City: 8:00 am - Roma St** - Translink Bus Stop 125 (outside the Transit Centre entrance, opposite Police Headquarters).

Experience Queensland's scenic Mary Valley on the historic Rattler diesel steam locomotive. Marvel at the restored Gympie Station and enjoy delicious dishes at Platform No. 1 Cafe. Admire the region's gorgeous landscape of valleys and waterways, including the Yabba, Kandanga and Amamoor Creeks, and watch for a variety of birds in a lush forest reserve. Morning tea, train ride, tour and lunch included.

Chicago

Date: Wednesday 6th November 2019, 1pm at QPAC Lyric Theatre

This event is fully booked, and tickets are available for collection from the U3A Admin Office.

***** Chicago 2nd Booking *****

Date: Wednesday 28th November 2019, 7:30pm at QPAC Lyric Theatre

Closing date: 21st September 2019

Cost: \$90

Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes (includes interval, subject to change without notice)

A true New York City Institution, Chicago has everything that makes Broadway great: a universal tale of fame, fortune and all that jazz

Brisbane River Cruise to Lunch

Date: Monday 25th November 2019

Cost: \$55

Closing Date: 18th November 2019

Meeting Point & Time: 10:15am, Jetty A, in front of Wheel of Brisbane, Southbank

Cruise to John Oxley Landing, Newstead Park. Complementary morning tea, guided tour and complementary Drink on return trip included. Arrive approximately 11.15 then 5 minute walk and 10 stairs to Breakfast Creek Hotel for lunch.

When booking, please specify your lunch preference – the menu can be found at:

<https://rivercitycruises.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Cruise-to-Lunch-Menu2017.pdf>