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# AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

**President's Report.** For a fuller account go to our website. Pauline Woodbridge OAM.

Much appreciation to all U3A members for embracing the move to Ryan Street along with lots of thanks to the many who were able to give their time and energy to help with various aspects of the move. As a result, we are now settled in to our new quarters. The U3A Classroom is working very well, a pleasant sunny room, with just a few minor things to be finalised. I also want to acknowledge the members and Tutors whose class timetables have been interrupted as we suspended classes in order to get the room setup and operational. My thanks go to Christine who has been sending notices about the move as well as changing our I.T. public location and contact information.

Getting to the point we currently, have had many moving parts - and it has been the U3A people power that has made this happen. Congratulations to all.

The committee will need to check our processes to ensure they reflect the new location and the space we now occupy. We encourage our members to provide feedback and comments that will help settle any glitches in the arrangements. The committee will hold the monthly management meetings in the S.C Library or the U3A classroom.

Many of our Members have joined Senior Citizens as members, so please remember to avail your selves of the activities they provide. Check their notice board in the main doorway to keep up with what is happening.

We would like to encourage our members to visit the rooms we are now occupying. **Friday Talks** will resume once we are settled and we organise a program. You will be kept informed as usual through bulk emails, our website and newsletters. We hope the location and space works for you all.

## THE MOVE TO RYAN STREET, SENIOR CITIZEN'S VENUE.



**Larry Frazer** did amazing work with the actual organizing of the removal, plus the loading and unloading of items. A lot of items were taken to the **Seniors venue** on the public holiday of July 1 by John Webster, Will Horsfall, Graham Collins and Larry. Plus others, including Pauline Woodbridge and Jenny Sebba worked at both venues. There are too many to acknowledge and thank but their efforts were appreciated.



Initially much of it was all over the office until the office cupboards were there to put things away. The meeting room tables will go into the new meeting room with the chairs and any thing else that doesn't have "home" for now. The following day the **admin volunteers** came for an orientation of the venue and for some to meet for the first time. Work continued throughout the week to fine tune the arrangements, including finishing a purpose built training room.



Mobs of people responded to the Friday afternoon call-out once their morning classes had finished, but by then much of the work was completed so it was a time of show-casing the new venue.

## Creative Writers' "Five Minute Write" task.

The general topic is given to the group and they start to write immediately, stopping when advised of the 5 minute limit, by the timer. (Both prose and poetry are acceptable.) The general topic given for one of our meetings was "The Piano is Beckoning". The following is by **Judy Knox**, a New Zealander, who has experienced earthquakes.

*The piano is beckoning - my eyes close in shock -  
The furniture moving? My knees start to knock.  
Whatever is happening? The sofa moves now -  
And look at the table! It's taking a bow.  
The pictures are dancing, the chairs they are too,  
Dear heavens above, oh what shall I do?  
I stand in the doorway and wait, there in fear.  
The whole room is rocking - and what's that I hear?  
A rumble and crashing, a noise so profound,  
This earthquake is awful, it's shaking the ground.  
My whole world is crashing, I think that I'll die,  
And then all is silent. I ask myself, why  
This random event has come to us now.*



U3A member, **Debbie Belcastro**, a new mahjong player, held a private exhibition of some of her artwork at the Townsville Information Centre at 280 Flinders Street, opposite T-shirt World. It finishes on Friday August 2. In case you miss it I have attached a copy of some of her beautiful pieces.



### Townsville Senior Citizen Welfare Club - Belgian Gardens

As a current U3A 2024 member, if you want to take advantage of including TSCWC membership at no extra cost to yourself, please contact [admin@u3atownsville.com](mailto:admin@u3atownsville.com) and they will email you an application form or call in

## FRIDAY TALKS:

### 28th June. "Enjoy the company of Eric & Sandy Anderson's life of musical performances whilst visiting family in QLD"

A talented and experienced couple shared a vibrant presentation giving members an insight into the world we often listen to and how it all comes together. From commanding army bands and running a community concert bands they shared the issues of finding members, on running wind trio or quintet to performing with other orchestras/bands and manoeuvring around in the pit.



# U3A Townsville Class Timetable

## Monday:

### Mahjong

Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm

Tutor: Anne Thomson

Location: Riverway Library, 20 Village Blvd, Thuringowa Central

### Be Connected: Basic Computer (Aitkenvale)

Time: Session 1: 9.00 – 10.00am | Session 2: 10.00 – 11.00am

Tutor: Malcolm Hall

Location: Aitkenvale Library **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

### Craft Group

Time: 9.30am – 11.00am

Tutor: Genevieve Caldwell

Location: U3A 14-16 Ryan St, Belgian Gardens

**CLASS FULL - WAITING LIST**

### Book Club - Aitkenvale - 2nd Monday of the Month

Time: 10.00noon – 11.00pm

Tutor: Antonia Gerrard

Location: Aitkenvale Library, 4 Petunia St, Aitkenvale

### Book Club - Flinders St - 2nd Monday of the Month

Time: 12.00noon – 1.00pm

Tutor: Jeanette Hind

Location: Flinders St Library Level 1/280 Flinders St,

### Family History & Ancestry DNA

Time: 12.30pm - 5.30pm

Tutor: Liz Scammel

Location: Aitkenvale Library 4 Petunia St

### Amateur Astronomy

Time: 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Tutor: David Burdeu

Location: U3A 14-16 Ryan St, Belgian Gardens

### Chinese

Time: 2.30pm - 5.00pm

Tutor: Phoebe Chan

Location: Aitkenvale Library 4 Petunia St

## Tuesday:

### Spanish Conversation Townsville

Time: 9.30am – 11.00am

Tutor: Graham Collins

Location: U3A 14-16 Ryan St, Belgian Gardens

### Creative Writing

Time: 9.45am - 12.00pm

Tutor: Anne Atkinson | Judy Knox

Location: Carville Seniors Inc, Cnr of Diprose St and Albury St Pimlico **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

### Economics in Action

Time: 12.00noon – 1.30pm

Tutor: Mike Smith

Location: U3A 14-16 Ryan St, Belgian Gardens **TBA WHEN RESUMING**

### History

Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Tutor: Andy Cole/Michele Cloonan

Location: Oonoonba Community Centre, 2 Shannon St, Oonoonba

### Guitar Lessons

Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Tutor: Basil Harvey

Location: U3A 14-16 Ryan St, Belgian Gardens

## Wednesday:

### Tai Chi

Time: 9.00am – 10.00am Beginners

Tutor: Geoff Ward

Location: SC 14-16 Ryan St, Belgian Gardens

<b>Creative Art</b>	
<b>Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm</b>	<b>Tutor: Kate Eagling</b>
<b>Location: U3A 14-16 Ryan St Belgian Gardens</b>	
<b>Philosophy</b>	
<b>Time: 10.00 am – 11.30 am</b>	<b>Tutor: Pamela Hancock, Neil Renison</b>
<b>Location: Aitkenvale Library 4 petunia St, Aitkenvale</b>	
<b>Indonesian Language and Culture</b>	
<b>Time: 12.00noon – 1.30pm</b>	<b>Tutor: Anni Hurst, Val Colquhoun—Coordinator</b>
<b>Location: Aitkenvale Library 4 Petunia St, Aitkenvale</b>	
<b>Yoga</b>	
<b>Time: 11.00am – 12.00pm</b>	<b>Tutor: Jan Harvey</b>
<b>Location: SC 14-16 Ryan St Belgian Gardens</b>	
<b>5 Crowns Card Group</b>	
<b>Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm</b>	<b>Tutor: Liz Scammel</b>
<b>Location: Private Residence's until further notice</b>	
<b>Thursday:</b>	
<b>Digital Photography</b>	
<b>Time: 9.00am - 11.00am</b>	<b>Tutor: John Webster</b>
<b>Location: U3A 14-16 Ryan St Belgian Gardens</b>	
<b>French, Conversational (Intermediate)</b>	
<b>Time: 11.30am – 1.00pm</b>	<b>Tutor: Georgina Valdeter</b>
<b>Location: 382B Charles St, Kirwan</b>	
<b>Science</b>	
<b>Time: 1.00pm – 2.00pm</b>	<b>Tutor: John Webster</b>
<b>Location: U3A 14-16 Ryan St Belgian Gardens</b>	
<b>Friday:</b>	
<b>Walking</b>	
<b>Time: 7.00am – 8.15am</b>	<b>Tutor: Roslyn McEwan</b>
<b>Location: Various Walking Paths</b>	
<b>Mahjong</b>	
<b>Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm</b>	<b>Tutor: Anne Thomson</b>
<b>Location: Riverway Library, 20 Village Blvd, Thuringowa Central</b>	
<b>Basic Computer &amp; Technology (Riverway)</b>	
<b>Time: Session 1: 9.00am - 10.00am   Session 2: 10.00am – 11.00am</b>	
<b>Tutor: Gaye Higgins   Malcolm Hall   Ivor Preston</b>	
<b>Location: Riverway Library, 20 Village Blvd, Thuringowa Central <b>BOOKING ESSENTIAL</b></b>	
<b>Scrabble</b>	
<b>Time: 10.00am – 12.30pm</b>	<b>Tutor: Kate Eagling</b>
<b>Location: U3A 14-16 Ryan St Belgian Gardens</b>	
<b>Italian for Travel &amp; Fun</b>	
<b>Time: 12.00pm - 1.30 pm</b>	<b>Tutor: Trish Jordon</b>
<b>Location: Aitkenvale Library 4 Petunia St, Aitkenvale <b>CLASS FULL - WAITLIST</b></b>	
<b>Friday Talks Townsville</b>	
<b>Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm</b>	<b>Every Friday <b>SEASON STARTS AUGUST 2024</b></b>
<b>Location: U3A 14-16 Ryan St Belgian Gardens</b>	

## U3A Magnetic Island Class Timetable

### Monday:

#### Monday Talks Magnetic Island

**Time: 10.00am – 12.00noon**

**Tutor: Brian Furby**

**Location: RSL, 31 Hayles Ave, Magnetic Island**

### Tuesday:

#### Tai Chi & Qigong

**Time: 7.00am – 1 hour** (classes sometimes can start earlier between 6:30 and 7:00)

**Tutor: Peter Duckworth**

**Location: Esplanade at Nelly Bay, Magnetic Island**

### Wednesday:

#### French (Advanced)

**Time: 9.00 am – 11.00 am**

**Tutor: Gisela Edwards**

**Location: Private Residence**

#### U3A Singers

**Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm**

**Tutor: Una Glavin**

**Location: St Margaret's Anglican Church 8 Endeavour Rd, Arcadia**

### Thursday:

#### Spanish Conversation

**Time: 9.30am -11.00am**

**Tutor: Tania Thoreau**

**Location: Contact Tania for further information**

#### Recorder Ensemble

**Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm**

**Tutor: Una Glavin**

**Location: Private Residence**

### Friday:

#### Tai Chi & Qigong

**Time: 7.00 am – 1 hour** (classes sometimes can start earlier between 6:30 and 7:00)

**Tutor: Peter Duckworth**

**Location: Esplanade at Nelly Bay, Magnetic Island**

#### Italian Elementary

**Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm**

**Tutor: Lucia Parigi Facilitator Dian Stroud**

**Location: Private Residence**

### Monday Talks - Term 2 2024 10am-12noon RSL Hall Arcadia

Contact Brian Furby (0438852945) for further information.

Date	Speaker	Subject
<b>Aug 5</b>	Gethin Morgan (MINCA)	Ecosystems of Magnetic Island (70min)
	Brian Furby	Some animals and activities on Magnetic Island
<b>Aug 12</b>	Carl Sagan (Video)	Carl Sagan's 1994 Lost Lecture-The Age of Exploration (96min)
<b>Aug 19</b>	Anne Thomson	Remote Aboriginal Relief Teaching in 2000
	ABC Presenter	Selling a Space Base (Pine Gap) (30min)
<b>Aug 26</b>	AIMS Gabriela Ceccarelli	Update on the health of The Great Barrier Reef
<b>Sept 2</b>	Su Mijic	Protecting the Secrets of a Wreck and Resurrecting the Cross
	Su Mijic	Secrets of the nuclear submarine HMS Conqueror
<b>Sept 9</b>	Judy Knox	A Year in Mongolia
	Judy Knox	Working for the Dept of Conservation in NZ

#### Whether the weather is ....

There is no such thing as bad weather, unless you are talking about cyclones.

- \* Rain is soothing;
- \* clouds are restful;
- \* wind is invigorating and
- \* sunshine is invigorating.

There is only different kinds of weather.



#### TAKE TIME

Take time to think— it is the source of power.  
 Take time to play—it is the secret of perpetual youth.  
 Take time to read—it is the fountain of wisdom.  
 Take time to love and be loved— it is a privilege.  
 Take time to laugh—it is the music of the soul.  
 Take time to give—it is too short a day to be selfish.  
 Take time to work—it is the price of success.



## French class celebrating 4th of July



The **French Class** celebrated **Bastille Day** by making crepes, eating cheese, playing trivia and the game of boules. A very happy day.

We have moved to Charles St, Kirwan as it is a better location for all our participants in a small business room. Address will be provided via the tutor once a new student has registered their interest and contact details for the tutor to make a follow-up call.

## The Craft Class

Hello everyone. I hope this letter finds you well.

Our group has continued to produce amazing knitted, crocheted and embroidered items while enjoying each other's company over a cuppa and something nice to eat.

We have moved to the Senior Citizens' Hall in Ryan Street. We're very happy with our new venue and are settling in well.

For people who decide to bus it, look for No 206.

We said "Farewell" to Jane Rossiter who has moved to South Australia to be closer to her family, and wish her all the best.

The "Pretty In Pink" fundraiser will be held at the Senior Citizens' Hall on October 19 this year. As we did last year, we will donate items to raffle. All monies raised will go to research into breast cancer.

Best wishes to all, Gen Caldwell.



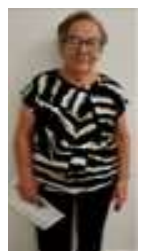
## Pilly Low

## Why I Joined U3A.

I am Singaporean Chinese. I found out about U3A through the Aitken library system in 2022 but joined in 2023. I am so glad to be attending a supportive group every Monday learning about the computer. I would be lost with handling the unrelenting problems, which pop up every now and then in this highly competitive technological instrument. Thank you organizers of U3A for coordinating the learning of using the internet.

## Mary Blanch.

I joined U3A last year after being prompted by my sister, who is a member in Lismore, NSW. I have been busy with a business, children and grandchildren for over 89 years, but now am at a loss on how to fill my days. I am volunteering at U3A Townsville now, so that is a start.



## Jan Collyer

Originally from Timaru, New Zealand's South Island, once she graduated from nursing Janet came across The Ditch to Oz, landing originally in Sydney for 18 months before heading off to Darwin for 12 months where she met her husband, who was studying to be a vet. With 3 children and many moves later with various jobs and property stations to fill a busy life between Brisbane, Katherine in the NT, Pentland outside of Charters Towers and finally Hughenden before committing to Townsville. Janet

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Please send your stories on Why you joined U3A to Anne at: [admin@u3atownsville.com](mailto:admin@u3atownsville.com)

# U3A WALKING GROUP - MAR TO MAY DATES.

**Meets Friday. 7am start – 8.15.**

Coordinator: Roslyn McEwan. Phone U3A office **4724-3530** for details

*Please bring your: hat, sunscreen, water bottle, & wear comfortable shoes.*




Date	Meet	Walk
<b>Aug</b>		
02	Tyack St, Rosslea	Around Golf Club boundary
09	Near Tree House, The Strand	Flinders St East across bridge & Palmer return
16	Otto's carpark (Nandos side). Village Drive Idalia	Fairfield Waters downstream.
23	Park near Bakehouse on Eyre. (71 Eyre St)	Queen's Garden
30	Palmetum Carpark	Ross River Upstream, Douglas side
<b>Sept</b>		
06	Echlin St, near Tea House (17 Echlin St)	West End Cemetery and return
13	Aplins Weir Rotary Park, cnr O'Reilly & Burt St	Annandale upstream
20	Rock Pool, The Strand	Jezzine Park
27	Apex Park, Rasmussen	Apex Park to Loam Island return
<b>Oct</b>		
04	Weir School Carpark cnr O'Reilly St & Burt St	Downstream—Riverside Garden
11	South Townsville Recreational Boating Park	Park circumference & nearby streets
18	Pallarenda carpark (far end).	Towards city
25	Central Village Carpark, near BBC cinema	Stadium River Loop
<b>Nov</b>		
01	Palmetum Car Park	Palmetum River Walk

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### Important Dates for 2024

#### QLD School Terms:

**Term 3:** Mon 8 July — Fri 13 Sept

**Term 4:** Mon 30 Sept — Fri 13 Dec

**Next Newsletter deadline** for articles and photos is **Tuesday 15 October**