



U3A Townsville Inc.

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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2022

Dear U3A Members

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2022. Hard to believe we have moved on to another year, but haven't moved on from the impact of the Corona Virus and the endlessly changing restrictions and requirements. 2022 brings the end of my second year as President and planning for our 11th of March Annual General meeting is in progress. We really encourage our members to nominate for the committee positions when the current committee stands down at the AGM and nomination forms and info about the venue etc. will come to the membership very soon.

I have nominated to serve as president again, thereby finalising my permitted 3 year term. Over the last two years I have had the pleasure of benefitting from the commitment and cohesion between members of the management, translating to keeping our members safe as well as managing the required fiduciary and legal elements of a non-government organisation. It has not been easy for our membership, but the levels of cooperation between branch members have contributed to our current wellbeing.

There is more understanding now required, due to the decision to check the vax status of those members attending classes and events. The next event planned is the Tutors meeting that will be attended by all Tutors we hope; as well as Antonia the class coordinator, myself and Dr. Will Horsefall. This will give us a chance to discuss the safe way to translate policy into practice. The tutors will have a chance to explore the issues that may arise for them. The goal at the end of the meeting will be confidence that we can hold classes safely and provide the stimulation and social settings for our members, badly needed as we cope with our third year of Covid.

A huge thank you to everyone involved with our branch and I look forward to seeing you in the office and at the AGM. Keep well, keep safe,

Pauline Woodbridge OAM U3A President



Class timetables for 2022 are in this issue, and you will also find them on the web.

Web: u3atownsville.com

**A reminder that 11th of March at 10am is when the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held.**

As usual, all seats on the committee will be declared vacant, so that a new committee could be formed. If you, or indeed any one you know would like to take on a role please feel free to attend this important meeting

ROLES TO BE FILLED;

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| ♦ President | Face of U3A /Presiding over meetings |
| ♦ Vice President | Aiding the President |
| ♦ Secretary | Works with the President and the committee |
| ♦ IT Coordinator | Keeping our technology up to date |
| ♦ Treasurer | Organising payments / receipts |
| ♦ Assistant Treasurer | Aiding the treasurer |
| ♦ Newspaper Editor | Produces a quarterly newspaper. |
| ♦ Office & Volunteer Manager | Organising the office and its' volunteers. |
| ♦ Facilities Maintenance Coordinator | Keeping the area spick and span |
| ♦ Magnetic Island Coordinator | Organising activities on Magnetic Island |
| ♦ Events Coordinator | Supervising any events (usually 3 per year) |
| ♦ Class Coordinator | Arranging timetables and classes |
| ♦ Grants Coordinator | Arranging Grants for a variety of events |
| ♦ Committee member | Assisting where needed |
| ♦ Publicity and Promotions | Overseeing the publicity for U3A |

These role descriptions are only an outline of each role, if you are interested in any of them please feel free to contact the office and we will give you a more in depth description.

As a committee member you are expected to attend a monthly meeting held at 1.00pm on the third Wednesday each month. We are a friendly bunch, maintaining meeting procedures, finances and memberships we also organise the groups to have fun and take on an activity that you enjoy.

Please come along to our next meeting to see what we are all about

This is a copy of the letter sent out to members after the first U3A General meeting for 2022

As mentioned here is the update on the committee decisions re Covid safety for our members. Based on advice from the U3A Qld Network and after a briefing from our designated Covid Safety member and useful advice from committee member Dr Will Horsefall, the following motion was accepted. This means it is now policy to be added to our Townsville Branch Covid policy document. The decision will also be announced on the website.

The motion

U3A has decided that in the best interests of the community and for the safety of those who attend, all members who wish to attend classes physically have proof of full vaccination status (which is currently triple vaccination).

There will be a meeting for Tutors and coordinators to discuss the process of sighting the proof and at the same time preserve confidentiality of personal information. This will be an important component of the new policy.

Classes will commence on the 7th of Feb with the process below.

Members who sign up for a class will be expected to produce Covid 19 Digital Certificates from My Gov that show the vaccination history of all 3 injections. This may consist of two hard copies showing all three vaccinations or a photo of the vaccination history form on a device.

Once the evidence is produced and sighted by the Tutor there is no further need to display the information for the term of that class. No records will be kept by U3A Townsville.

If a member does not wish to show the vaccination history form which has personal information, Dr Will Horsefall has offered that the form can be sent to him electronically and he will inform the Class coordinator who will contact the Tutor re the member's eligibility. Dr. Horsefall is subject to medical professional confidentiality conditions. The use of this offer is only when a member hold concerns about their security.

Each member of the committee has shown their evidence of triple vaccination. The Annual General Meeting will be held on the Friday the 11th March (notices will be sent out shortly) We encourage members to consider nominating for committee positions at the AGM and will be required to show evidence of triple vaccinations.

The AGM requires 23 people in attendance to meet Office of Fair-Trading requirements, we hope members can consider showing support for the organisation to ensure we hold a legal meeting. Details of this event still to come.

We understand that our Branch may have members who for various reasons may still be unvaccinated. This policy precludes attendance at classes or any other gatherings. The social aspect of U3A is an important part of our vision to enhance the life of the third age community through connecting seniors to lifelong learning. The pandemic now in the third year has caused many disruptions to the lives we lived and the widespread need to restrict the involvement of unvaccinated people to try to enhance safety for all is an unfortunate outcome during this difficult medical catastrophe.

We hope the need for this policy is finite and that we soon can resume the togetherness within our branch. It is not easy complying with the conditions but we hold hope for safer futures for us all,

Regards

Pauline Woodbridge Chairperson



U3A History Event

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The U3A History Group held their Christmas lunch at the Vale Hotel on Tuesday December 7th 2021.

Twenty four members of the group and partners attended along with Liam Mooney who represented the Townsville City Council. Liam is shown here with the doyens of our group, Col Humphreys, Shirley Marron and Marjory Cook who are all in their nineties.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 1st February 2022 at the Oonoo.nba Community Centre at 2pm.to 3.30pm. This year's opening topic is The History of Medicine across Time and Place and will be presented by several of our members. All welcome. We gratefully acknowledge the ongoing support of the Townsville City Council and also thank the Council for the two Grants U3A Townsville has received from them during the latter months of 2021. Nanette Grace, U3A History Facilitator.



2 New Exciting Classes



Japanese Poetry Appreciation and Workshopping

Length: 1 – 1.5 Tuesdays at 2pm but start date yet to be decided

The words Japanese Poetry are used to differentiate from a normal poetry study/appreciation. Japanese poetry differs by promoting a simplistic approach – more is less. We will be writing our own as well as looking at some modern examples with emphasis on descriptive words that fit – tailor made for the emotion or image we want to create in someone's mind. We will be taking a metaphor/alliteration/ onomatopoeia approach along with the five senses.

There will be a brief introduction to some of the more popular forms including haiku, tanka, haibun and haiga. The class will then look at creating a personal portfolio with a view to some pieces appearing in the end of year newsletter.

Conversations in Italian

Length: 1 – 1.5 Day Tuesday at 12pm but start date yet to be decided

The class will take an informal approach to learning to communicate in Italian. Whilst grammar will come up, it will play a secondary role at this stage to getting a feel of the language, the people, and the country. The aim is to be able to travel comfortably in Italy and have the ability to ask for the necessities (bathrooms, salutations, food differences, ordering and displaying respect and courtesy in general by the use of the Italian language).

The aim in this class is to enjoy learning how to express ideas and needs in another language, and to understand a little when those ideas and needs are expressed back to the visitor.

Prerequisite: The ability to have fun

Food for thought!! We are a community organisation. Everyone is a volunteer. Please be kind and patient with us while we work through new procedures to keep you and us healthy, so we can continue to deliver great, interesting, enjoyable and safe programs for your enjoyment.

Unfortunately Monday computer classes and the family history are suspended for the time being. Once this is sorted we will let you know

All enquiries to admin@u3atownsville.com Phone; 4724 3530

| Monday | | |
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| Craft Group 09:30am-11:00am 09:30am-11:00am | Liz Schmidt | U3A Vincent |
| Monthly Book Club , 2 nd Monday 12:00pm-01:00pm | Jeanette Hind | John Mathew Meeting Room Flinders St Library (upstairs in Northtown) |
| Mah Jong 09:00am-12:00pm | Gwen Wilson | Thuringowa Library |
| Social Art (No tutor) 09:30am-02:30pm 09:30am-02:30pm | Primary Contact Gail Pearson | Soundshell Building, Dan Gleeson Gardens |
| | Secondary Contact | Judy Osborne |
| Stock Market Trading Group 12:00pm-02:00pm | Terry Lambrose | Zoom meeting - Contact Terry for further information |
| Indonesian 01:00pm-02:30pm | Val Colquhoun | Aitkenvale Library |
| Philosophy ; Times varied 8th / 15th Feb 10-11.30am 22nd Feb 12.30 –2pm March 1/8/15/22 10-11.30. 29th 12.30 Apr 5 to May 24 10-11.30 | Jan Hynes | Aitken Vale Library meeting room May 31 12.30-2p, June 7/14/21 10-11.30 Jun 28 12.30-2pm |
| Tuesday | | |
| Spanish 09:15am - 10.45am | Graham Collins | U3A Vincent |
| Creative Writing 10:00am-12:00pm | Anne Atkinson Judy Knox | Vale Hotel, Motel Breakfast Room Ross River Road, Aitkenvale |
| Conversazione in Italiano 12.00pm-01:30pm Japanese Haiku 2.00pm-3.00pm | Barbara Strickland | U3A Vincent |
| History 02:00pm-03:30pm | Nanette Grace | Oonoonba Community Centre 2 Shannon Street, Oonoonba |
| Wednesday | | |
| Canasta 09:30am-12:30pm (Prompt start) | Beryl Lennon | German Club Inc. 56 Anne Street, Aitkenvale |
| Art at Vincent (no tutor) 09:30am-12:30pm | Kate Eagling | U3A Vincent |

| Thursday | | |
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| Tai Chi 9:00am-10:00am Advanced Class 10.00am-11.00am Beginners Class | Geoff Ward | Sherriff Park, Love Lane, Mundingburra (on the asphalt surface of the basketball half-court, a short walk across the grass from the parking area) |
| Digital Photography 09:00am-11:00am | John Webster | U3A Vincent |
| Conversational French - Intermediate 11:30pm-01:00pm | Georgina Valdeter | U3A Vincent |
| Science 2.00 :3.00 pm | Susan Dellow | U3A Vincent |

| Friday | | |
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| Walking Group 07:00am-08:15am | Roslyn McEwan | <i>Various Walking Paths Program last page</i> |
| Mah Jong 09:00am-12:00pm | Gwen Wilson | Thuringowa Library |
| <i>Basic Computer & Technology. Learn to develop your computer and digital skills.</i> Session 1: 09:00am-10:00am Session 2: 10:00am-11:00am | Gaye Higgins | Learn Space Thuringowa Library BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL |
| Scrabble 10:00am-12:30pm | Kate Eagling | U3A Vincent |
| Italian <i>Beginners Plus</i> 12:00pm-01:30pm | Trish Jordan | Aitkenvale Library Meeting Room |
| Friday Talks (A variety of topics) | SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE | |
| James Cook University (various subjects) | Lori McGuire Check U3A Townsville website | James Cook University |

Class coordinator

Antonia Gerrard is our new class coordinator who is not only new to the position but also new to Townsville. Antonia is finding her way around in both places.

General queries about classes may be addressed to the office and tutors please refer to Antonia for any issues you may have.

*Never stop
learning, because
life never stops
teaching.*

Please note some classes have been suspended or closed due to various reasons,

if you are a regular member of a group or class consult with your tutor/facilitator for the date and time of class resumptions.

If you are a new member and would like to join a class please contact the office on 4724 3530 and we will point you in the right direction.

Magnetic Island News

Our members on the island were saddened by the death of Michael Keating who was the Magnetic Island Committee Representative and Monday Talks Coordinator from 2016 until 2019. Mike was also a member of the Science group in Townsville. He gave so many interesting talks. We still talk about the very interesting talk he gave about living and working in Tuvalu.

Mike's career evolved from his apprenticeship as a marine pilot in the Bristol Channel, a Merchant Navy first Mate (navigator), coastal rescue response unit in Canberra, TAFE lecture in marine navigation and the Harbour/Port Manager in Tuvalu. Outside U3A, Mike was known and respected on the island for managing the work of St Vincent de Paul. A mutual friend described him as a teller of stories and a true gentleman. Our thoughts are with his wife Bernice at this time.



Magnetic Island Class Timetable

Monday

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| Monday Talks, Magnetic Island 10am-12pm | Brian Furby | RSL, Arcadia |
| Stock Market Trading Group, Townsville & Magnetic Island 12:00pm-02:00pm | Terry Lambrose | Zoom meeting - Contact Terry for further information |

Tuesday

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| Tai Chi & Qigong, Magnetic Island On short break – resuming soon. | Peter Duckworth | Esplanade, Nelly Bay (between Kelly & Yates Streets) |
| Recorder Ensemble, Magnetic Island 01:30pm-03:30pm | Una Glavin | Contact Una for venue |

Wednesday

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| French Conversation, Magnetic Island 09:00am-11:00am | Gisela Edwards | Contact Gisela for venue |
| U3A Singers, Magnetic Island 06:00pm-07:30pm | Tania Thoreau | St Margaret's Anglican Church Endeavour Road, Arcadia |

Thursday

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| Spanish Conversation, Magnetic Island 09:30am-11:00am | Tania Thoreau | Contact Tania for venue |
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Friday

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| Tai Chi & Qigong, Magnetic Island 07:00am-08:00am | Peter Duckworth | Esplanade, Nelly Bay (between Kelly & Yates Streets) |
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Other

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| Learn to Read Music, Magnetic Island | Una Glavin >> 0403 644 341 | Una is taking Expressions of Interest for a further class. |
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U3A Walking Group

The U3A walking group facilitated by Roslyn McEwan welcomes new walkers.

The group meets Fridays 7:00am-8:15am Please bring with you: hat, sun-screen, water bottle, and wear comfortable shoes



| Date | | Meet | Walk |
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| March | 18 | Rockpool North Ward | The Strand |
| | 25 | O'Rielly St Mundingburra | Upstream - Annandale |
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| April | 1 | The Palmetum Car Park | Palmetum River Walk |
| | 8 | Cnr. Pallarenda Road and Esk st. Rowe's bay (Beachside) | Soroptomios Park and foreshore toward Jezzarine |
| | 15 | Good Friday | |
| | 22 | Balls lane Mundingburra | Anderson Gardens |
| | 29 | O'Rielly St Mundingburra | Mundingburra Side Downstream |
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| May | 6 | Yolandra Drive small shopping centre | Annandale Circuit |
| | 13 | Rossiter Park Kimball St. Aitkenvale | Ross River Upstream |
| | 20 | Carpark near Townsville Central Cinema | Stadium River Loop |
| | 27 | Loam Island Community Centre Riverway Drive Rasmussen | Ross River Upstream |

Present Committee members

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| <i>Pauline Woodbridge</i> | <i>President /</i> | | |
| | <i>Publicity / Promotions.</i> | Liz McDine | Magnetic Island Coordinator |
| <i>Alan Williams</i> | <i>Vice President</i> | Christine Douglas | Office Manager / Newsletter Editor |
| <i>Lorraine Ryrie</i> | <i>Secretary</i> | Kate Eagling | Facilities Maintenance Coordinator |
| <i>Larry Frazer</i> | <i>Treasurer</i> | John Webster | Committee member |
| <i>Graham Collins</i> | <i>IT Coordinator</i> | Will Horsfall | Committee member |
| <i>Jenny Sebba</i> | <i>Assistant Treasurer</i> | Antonia Gerrard | Class Coordinator (temporary) |

**Office location: Unit D.4 Vincent Church of Christ Centre,
Corner of Palmerston Street and Ronan Street, Vincent.**

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