



50 Years in Australia

# MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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



In this year, my fourth in my five-year term, I am grateful to be here in this time of growth and change in contrast to the Covid years.

Emerging from those years and looking to re-establish many of our social events, developing new classes and, along with supporting our long term tutors prompted the committee to look at the possibility of other options. Our membership is growing, and our classes are increasing, with the need for more space evident. In our current premises in the Churches of Christ building we seem to be increasingly alone, with very few people around and many of the offices vacant. We now know the building is to be sold.

Many of you will recall that a few years ago, the then Mayor, Jenny Hill had been encouraging Senior Citizens in Ryan St and us to consider a plan to co-locate in their large building. Timing is everything. Representatives from both committee's commenced discussions in the midyear and those negotiations have gone very well.

We are now well into planning to relocate our Branch to the Senior Citizens venue with both organisations benefiting from this change. The Senior Citizens Committee have been very generous accommodating the changes needed and they support our Branch autonomy as a member of the Queensland U3A Network.

U3A will move our admin office to Ryan Street in the coming months. We will have a large U3A classroom built by the end of June. We can use the library on a booking process for meetings and small classes. We will have the use of the kitchen area and the larger hall area for future social events, Friday Talks and other joint events with Senior Citizens.

There are lots of tasks related to the move and as the weeks pass, we plan to gradually leave the Vincent office completely by the end of the financial year.

With thanks to all involved with our branch and to the volunteers that will make our move happen.

Pauline Woodbridge OAM.

## 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 at the Vincent office during opening times.



U3A Townsville has recently been successful with its Community Benefit Gambling Fund Grant application.

The Community Benefit Gambling Fund Grant is for \$5,295 and the funds will go towards the ongoing running expenses for our U3A Townsville classes and new promotional items for U3A Townsville.

On behalf of all of the members of U3A Townsville we thank the Community Benefit Gambling Fund for their generous Grant donation and assistance for the ongoing U3A Townsville aspirations to assist the Townsville and surrounding areas Seniors Community.

**Larry Frazer**  
**Treasurer U3A Townsville Inc.**

### **U3A in need of your help!**

U3A Townsville is successful because of the generosity of our volunteers, whether that be Tutors, Committee members or Office staff and to maintain this level of success we need to recruit more Office Volunteers. If you can spare **3 hours a week and you can answer a phone, deal with emails and collect money and receipt it, then we need you.**

If you have good organisation skills then we are also looking for an **Office Manager** that needs to be available one shift (3hours) a week to support office volunteers, training, processes and also spare one meeting a month on the committee then we also have a position waiting for you to fill. Plenty of guidance and assistance to help settle you in. **Please contact the office admin@u3atownsville.com**

### **JUST IN CASE YOU NEEDED TO KNOW .....**

Care of TRCOTA newsletter

DESTINATION	HOW TO GET THERE
Georgia	Midnight Train
Clarksville	Last Train
Heaven	Stairway
Hell	Highway
Hotel California	Dark Desert Highway
Gulf of Mexico	Straight down the Mississippi River
Sea of Green	Yellow Submarine
Round the Mountain	Six White Horses
Scotland	High Road or is it the Low Road.
China	Slow Boat
San Francisco	Flowers in Your Hair
USA	Surfin'
Botany Bay	Singing Too Ra Li Oor Ra Li Additty
Oklahoma	In The Surry with the Fringe on Top
Carolina	In Your Mind
South Australia	Heave Away, Haul Away
Rome	All Roads



#### **Hanna's Forward**

*Listen to the exhortation of the dawn,  
 Look to this day!  
 For it is life  
 The very life of life  
 In it's brief course lay all the verities and realities  
 of your existence.  
 The bliss of growth, the glory of action, the splendour  
 of beauty.  
 For yesterday was but a dream,  
 And tomorrow is only a vision,  
 But today, well lived.  
 Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness.  
 And every tomorrow a vision of hope!  
 Look well therefore to this day!  
 Such is the Salutation of the Dawn.*



## An amazing 2 letter English word!

A reminder that one word in the English language that can be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb and preposition is UP

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car. At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, the earth soaks it UP. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . my time is UP!

Did that one crack you UP? Now I'll shut UP!

### **We, the semi-Elderly:**

We grew up in the 40s – 50s – 60s:

We studied in the 50s – 60s – 70s:

We dated in the 50s – 60s 70s:

We got married and discovered the world in the '60s – '70s – '80s:

We ventured into the 70s – 80s:

We stabilized in the 90s:

We got wiser in the 2000s:

And went firmly through the 2010s.

It turns out we've lived through NINE different decades,

TWO different centuries, and

TWO different millennia.

We have gone from the telephone with an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world. We have gone from black and white photos to colour slides to YouTube; from vinyl 12-inch records to cassettes to CDs to online music, from handwritten letters to email and to WhatsApp.

From listening to the cricket live on the radio to black and white TV, then colour TV, and then to HDTV.

We went from black and white movies at the cinema to colour films at the cinema to black and white TV, to colour TV, to VHS taped movies, to DVD movies, and now we watch Netflix. We got to know the first computers, punch cards, diskettes and now we have gigabytes and megabytes in hand on our cell phones or iPads.

We wore shorts throughout our childhood and then long pants, oxfords, Bermuda shorts, etc. We dodged infantile paralysis, polio, meningitis, H1N1 flu and now COVID-19.

We rode skates, tricycles, bicycles, invented cars, bicycles, mopeds, gasoline or diesel cars and now we ride hybrids or 100% electric.

We've been through a lot but what a great life we've had! They could describe us as "exennials" people who were born into the world of the forties and fifties, who had an analogue childhood and a digital adulthood. We're kind of Ya-seen-it-all.

Our generation has literally lived through and witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life. It is our generation that has literally adapted to "CHANGE".

A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, of which are UNIQUE. Here is a precious and very true message:

**TIME DOES NOT STOP!** Life is a task that we do ourselves every day. When we look, it's already six in the afternoon; when we look, it's already Friday; when we look, the month is over; when we look, the year is over; when we look, 50, 60, 70 and 80 years have passed! When we look – we no longer know where our friends are. When we look – we lost the love of our life and now, it's too late to go back.



# 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 Vincent

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

Time: 10.00 noon – 11.00 pm

Tutor: Antonia Gerrard

Location: Aitkenvale Library, 4 Petunia St, Aitkenvale

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

Time: 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm

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

### Climate Change & Renewable Solutions

Time: 1.00pm - 2.30 pm

Tutor: Dr Bill Laing

Location: U3A Vincent **Class may resume Term 3 or 4 - Term Time Only**

### Chinese

Time: 2.30pm - 5.00pm

Tutor: Phoebe Chan

Location: Aitkenvale Library 4 Petunia St

## Tuesday:

### Spanish Conversation Townsville

Time: 9.15 am – 10.45 am

Tutor: Graham Collins

Location: U3A Vincent

### 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**

### History

Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Tutor: Will Horsfall

Location: Oonoonba Community Centre, 2 Shannon Street, Oonoonba

### Guitar Lessons

Time: 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Tutor: Peter Dean

Location: U3A Vincent

## Wednesday:

### Creative Art

Time: 9.30 am – 12.30pm

Tutor/Facilitator: Kate Eagling

Location: U3A Vincent

**Philosophy**  
Time: 10.00 am – 11.30 am Tutor: Pamela Hancock, Neil Renison  
Location: Aitkenvale Library, 4 petunia St, Aitkenvale, QLD 4814

**Indonesian Language and Culture**  
Time: 12.00noon – 1.30pm Tutor: Anni Hurst, Val Colquhoun—Coordinator  
Location: Aitkenvale Library 4 Petunia St, Aitkenvale

**5 Crowns Card Group**  
Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm Tutor: Liz Scammel  
Location: Private Residence’s until further notice

**Thursday:**

**Digital Photography**  
Time: 9.00am - 11.00am Tutor: John Webster  
Location: U3A Vincent

**Tai Chi**  
Time: 9.00 – 10.00am Beginners | 10.00 - 11.00am Advanced  
Tutor: Geoff Ward **WILL RESUME JUNE/JULY 2024**  
Location: Sherriff Park, 52a Love Lane, Mundingburra

**French, Conversational (Intermediate)**  
Time: 11.30 am – 1.00pm Tutor: Georgina Valdeter  
Location: U3A Vincent

**Science**  
Time: 2.00pm – 3.30pm Tutor: Susan Dellow  
Location: U3A Vincent

**Friday:**

**Walking**  
Time: 7.00 am – 8.15 am Tutor: Roslyn McEwan  
Location: Various Walking Paths **Commences May 3rd 2024**

**Mahjong**  
Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm Tutor: Anne Thomson  
Location: Riverway Library, 20 Village Blvd, Thuringowa Central

**Basic Computer & Technology (Riverway)**  
Time: Session 1: 9.00–am - 10.00 am | Session 2: 10.00am – 11.00 am  
Tutor: Gaye Higgins | Malcolm Hall | Ivor Preston  
Location: Riverway Library, 20 Village Blvd, Thuringowa Central **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

**Scrabble**  
Time: 10.00am – 12.30pm Tutor: Kate Eagling  
Location: U3A Vincent

**Italian for Travel & Fun**  
Time: 12.00pm - 1.30 pm Tutor: Trish Jordon  
Location: Aitkenvale Library 4 Petunia St, Aitkenvale

**Amateur Astronomy**  
Time: 1.00pm - 2.00pm Tutor: David Burdeu  
Location: U3A Vincent

**Friday Talks Townsville**  
Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm Every Friday **Season starts 2024**  
Location: TBA

## U3A Magnetic Island Class Timetable

### Monday:

**Monday Talks Magnetic Island**

**Time: 10.00am – 12.00 noon**

**Tutor: Brian Furby**

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

### Tuesday:

**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**

### 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**

## U3A WALKING GROUP - MAR TO MAY DATES.

**Meets Friday 7am for 7.15 start – 8.15.**

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



Date		Meet	Walk
<b>May</b>	03	Aplins Weir Rotary Park Cnr of O'Reilly St & Burt St	Mundingburra side downstream
	10	Central Village Carpark near BCC Cinema	5tadium River Loop
	17	56 Yolanda Drive (small shopping Centre Carpark)	Annandale Circuit
	24	Otto's carpark at the precinct (Nandos side)	Upstream River Walk
	31	Rossiter Parks Kimball St Aitkenvale	Ross River Upstream
<b>June</b>	07	Cape Pallarenda Rd. Park near ring road	Lagoon's walk
	14	Palmer St, near the Maritime Museum	Palmer St to Cruise-ship Terminal
	21	Weir School carpark	Riverway Loop
	28	End of Carmody St, Hermit Park	Bicentennial Park circuit
<b>July</b>	05	Aplins Weir Carpark cnr O'Reilly St & Burt St	Annandale side downstream
	12	Tobruk Pool, North Ward	Anzac Park to Jupiter's (Breakwater Walk optional.
	19	Robertson Park, Cape Pallarenda. 3 Mile Ck car park.	After Garden Settlement, before bridge.
	26	Port end of Bell St, South Townsville.	Port Authority park and bridge area.



## Why I Joined U3A.

Judy is a founding U3A member, having joined in Townsville not long after moving from Tasmania about 50 years ago. She came to Townsville with her husband and children following her husband's work opportunities. Judy enrolled in the art classes and has continued to develop her techniques under the guidance of various art instructors, who have entered and left the system. She is looking forward to the new facilities at North Ward and renewing friendships developed within the art groups.

## Judy Osborne

## Rob Mehigan.

I've been a member for about 6 weeks. I knew about it because of my father-in-law, Alan Williams, who has had a lot to do with U3A. As I am transitioning to full retirement, (but actually retired, sort of, from high school Science teaching) it has been on my mind for quite a while.



## Mary Hardwick.

I've been a long time member for about 20 years. I learned about U3A when I was a primary teacher here in Townsville at various schools. I liked the idea of life long learning and so when I retired and wanted to join an art group I looked to see what U3A had on offer.

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

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### Celebrating 50 years in Australia

#### Important Dates for 2024

##### QLD School Terms:

Term 2: Mon 15 Apr — Fri 21 June

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 23 July**