



U3A Townsville Inc

Newsletter

4th Quarter, 2011



Dates for Your Diary

<p>Friday 18th Nov. 2011 CHRISTMAS FUNCTION</p> <p>10 am at the Annandale Community Centre</p>	<p>MERRY CHRISTMAS Best Wishes for the Season from all the Executive and Committee members to all U3A members and their families</p>	<p>25th January 2012 NEWSLETTER ITEMS Last day for Newsletter Submissions For 1st Qtr Newsletter</p>
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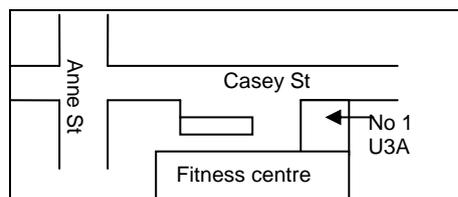
ATTENTION ALL TUTORS

Could quarterly attendance sheets be completed and handed in to the U3A office (Monday mornings, Between the hours of 10 am and 11.30 am) or mailed to U3A PO Box 374, Aitkenvale, Qld 4814.

University of the Third Age Townsville Inc.

Website: <http://members.westnet.com.au/u3atownsville>

**Our office is located at 1 Casey St, Aitkenvale, 4814.
And open 10.00 am – 11.30 am Mondays. Ph (07)4779 0550,
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The office is manned by volunteers on **Monday mornings**, from **10.00am till 12.00**. New member Fees can be paid in person during this time. The phone number is 4779 0550

U3A TOWNSVILLE INC. WEBSITE

I would like to advise all our members that our website address is:-

[Hhttp://members.westnet.com.au/u3atownsville](http://members.westnet.com.au/u3atownsville)

On this website you can read your newsletter and get any updated information. To save trees and expenses members are asked to contact the office by email to receive your newsletter by email, instead of the printed, posted hardcopy. Those who prefer the printed version will still receive it as usual upon request.

U3A MEMBERSHIP 2012

Renewal fees for 2012 membership have been set at \$0.00. However, to indicate your intention of wanting to continue your membership, you are required to sign and return the notice on the inside of the mail wrapper.

In case you have lost it, complete the following details

Surname _____, Initials _____

Label name _____

Member ID _____ (on your name label)

Signed.....

and **send** them to:

The Treasurer

U3A Townsville Inc

P O Box 374

Aitkenvale Q 4814

Before 1st January, 2012



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Unwanted emails seem to be a part of modern electronic communication. They can be controlled to some degree by using a filter in your email program, or by going straight to the email site of your provider and deleting anything that looks suspicious. Some emails contain viruses that can damage your computer, others ask for your private banking details. Examples of the latter include the so-called 'Nigerian' scams that appear to come from overseas and ask you to send money in return for a large sum being transferred to your bank account.

Unfortunately, many people are scammed every year in Australia. In an article entitled 'Too good to be true', the latest edition of Choice magazine describes the dangers that can result from work-from-home scams. One example of this is where the jobseeker will be offered a job, but they are asked to provide upfront payments for fees or expenses relating to their employment. Once the money is paid, the job offer will disappear.

Another example is the money laundering scheme. The person recruited to work at home (money mule) works to facilitate money laundering by passing funds through nominated bank accounts that are designed to disguise the illicit origins of the funds. The money mule is usually unrelated to the original criminal act but through the process of money laundering, even when done unwittingly, they become an integral part of the criminal activity. The Choice article describes the example of a young man who was recruited to transfer \$3m to China and Hong Kong in amounts less than \$10,000 a time to avoid detection. He apparently thought the funds were being transferred to evade tax. In fact they were the proceeds of a crime. He was eventually traced, convicted, and sentenced to 5½ years in prison.

So if you see a dodgy email that looks too good to be true, it most likely is. Don't be tempted. As well as the possibility of losing a lot of money, you could end up in gaol.

Have a happy Christmas and a safe and healthy 2012.

Graham Collins

YOUR INVITATION TO U3A CHRISTMAS PARTY

All members of U3A Townsville are invited to attend our Christmas Party, come along, bring your friends, get involved and have a great time.

Nanette has organized some different, extra-special entertainment, and there will be a raffle, and a delicious morning tea.

There will also be quite a few free lucky door prizes this Christmas, with the main lucky door prize being a lap top computer. So remember, you have to be there to win.

- VENUE:-** Annandale Community Centre
DATE:- 18th November
TIME:- 10am to about 1pm
FOOD:- Please bring a plate of finger food to share
DRINKS:- Tea, coffee and juice provided.



CLASS NEWS

JAPANESE CLASS

"In the Pacific Ocean of China there are 3 mountainous and volcano ridden islands which are riding on the back of a turtle. When the turtle moves the islands shake and the volcanoes erupt and flames gush out."

At least that was what the early Japanese people thought. Learn about this and more through the Japanese language.

If you are interested please contact me on 4774 3847.

Jim McCurley

AITKENVALE THURSDAY ART GROUP.

Art Exhibition and Sale.

Looking for different Christmas gifts?? We have the answer - how about an original art work, that doesn't cost the earth?!

Our group is growing –almost to bursting point! We have recently welcomed three new members who seem to enjoy the relaxing, yet busy, morning. Our spare rooms are, once again, housing large numbers of art works so we have decided to hold another exhibition and sale. Our last one in April was a huge success, with 37 of the 100 paintings hung being sold, and even resulting in a commission for 3 acrylics.

We all had a great day at the last show, and, judging by the comments, our visitors did too – many asking if we would be having another. Christmas seems like a good focus, so we are all set for **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 10am til 3pm**, at **76 ROBERSON STREET**, (cnr Doorey Street), **RAILWAY ESTATE**. The setting is lovely, with a complementary, al fresco "café" in the garden.

As before, there will be variety of topics on offer at very reasonable prices – some even as low as \$20. Handcrafted and painted cards will also be for sale. Come along, bring a friend or three, browse through the art and have a cup of tea/coffee and a cake. What a great way to spend an hour or two on a Sunday! See you there.

TEA & PICKIES

First Friday guided tour & afternoon tea at Perc Tucker Gallery will recommence on the first Friday in February 2012 - Friday 3rd (weather permitting).

Next year will be the year of the "Sneak Preview" for U3A members and this will be a distinct advantage when the popular Percival Award opens on the 4th May.

After the guided tour & talk, presented by the artist/s, curator or gallery staff or trained volunteers, we enjoy a delicious afternoon tea on the balcony.

Unfortunately, inflation now has led to an increase in the price of the "Bottomless Cup" afternoon tea/coffee from \$2:50 to \$4:00. Admittedly this appears to be a high percentage in annual terms, but the first since the tours began in 1999 and well worth it for the delicious selection.

For catering purposes please advise the Gallery on 4727 9011 if you wish to join us. As the talk begins at 1:30p.m, it is advisable to allow sufficient time to sign the attendance form and pay for the afternoon tea beforehand.

Should the wet prevent our attendance in February, the exhibition on Friday 2nd March will be a Preview of selected Miniatures from the Queensland Art Gallery.

The Gallery is closed on the first Friday in April as that is Good Friday, one of the two days in the year when it is closed. 4th May has a Preview of Percival Award scheduled for us and the 1st June Previews a Photography Exhibition.

For further information contact Angela Cheung - Audience Development:Public Programs (4727 9011) or Anne Matthews (0488-257-180).

THE NAMING OF AUSTRALIA

A short reminder to all members about Anne Matthew's course, " The Naming of Australia, The Matthew Flinders Story." commencing at 1.30 on Friday November 11th at Aitkenvale meeting room. Please note the early start time.

CLASS NEWS

TOWNSVILLE U3A CLASS COSTS

One of my early experiences with U3A was taking lessons in Spanish in Adelaide. At the start of each academic year, the members of the class put \$1 or \$2 into a pool, which the tutor used to do any necessary photocopying, purchase materials, or pay for room rental. This seemed to be a fair and equitable method of running a U3A class whereby each class is self-supporting. This is the method supported by the Committee of Townsville U3A.

Townsville U3A has a set of By-Laws that operate in conjunction with the Constitution. By-Law 5 has relevance to the way that Townsville U3A approaches any costs associated with running the classes:

“There is no charge for attendance at any class provided that the class is financially self supporting. Any expense, such as room hire, purchase, or rental of teaching aids must be shared and met by the attendees.”

The rationale for this particular By-Law is that no one class is subsidised by other classes. That is, all classes have a “level playing field” as far as costs are concerned. To take an extreme example: suppose that a class was started with the aim that the participants would get a licence for underwater diving using rented scuba gear, and that the costs were met from the membership fees of all other members. The members of other classes would be justified in claiming for their own costs as well. Clearly it would be necessary to raise the membership fee above our current level, one of the lowest in Australia. The Committee believes that By-Law 5 makes it fair to all members.

Now that 2011 is drawing to a close, I would like to remind all tutors who plan to continue giving classes to make sure that a venue for their class will be available.

Graham Collins

MAGNETIC ISLAND GETTING RIGHT ALONG

Don Kinsey

Our Christmas party will again be held at Alastair Cole’s house (Friday December 9) – this beautiful venue has become the focal point for our very successful Christmas parties since the Island U3A activities started in 2005. Alastair is a marvellous host.

Our Climate Change science class has finished and we are well into a re-run of our Elementary Physics course. I am trying to get a bit closer to everyday examples of the physical principles we are discussing – hopefully that is working well. The use of the extensive discussion period is less applicable to this course than it was to climate change so we have backed off a little on that class format.

Other classes continue with good, stable and enthusiastic attendance. All will always welcome new participants. I would love to see offers for new classes. I guess that is an ongoing problem for all U3As. Here’s hoping we can produce a couple of new classes for 2012. If you want to know what’s happening on the Island (not just U3A) try going to

www.whatsonmagneticisland.com.au.

NEW COURSE

FRENCH LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS.

Commencing Thursday February 2nd 2012 at 10 am to 11am once a week for eight weeks initially to be held at the U3A office Casey St Aitkenvale. More info and expressions of interest please to PAM CALMER 47255647. NUMBERS LIMITED SO BOOK IN SOON..

IN THE PIPELINE FOR NEXT YEAR

A course on Omar Khayyam as poet, astronomer, scientist and mathematician presented by Eric Campbell.

Also Graham Collins will enlighten us all with a course on human evolution.

ANOTHER BIG DAY OUT

Once the wet season is behind us next year, we will have a day out at Horseshoe B Ranch, a cattle stud specialising in Long Horn Texas cattle.

GENERAL NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2012 MEMBERSHIP.

Shortly all members will receive a membership renewal notice for 2012. Since our balance is quite healthy, renewals will be at no cost to members. However, to make sure you are still interested, or, just in case you have left town (not to mention the other unthinkable possibility) you will be asked **to sign the notice and return it by post** to continue as a paid member for 2012

Adrian Gaemers

COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM U3A OSAKA– JAPAN, TO U3A TOWNSVILLE

Dear Graham-Ssan,

Thank you very much for your letter dated 8 June 2011 and 2nd Qtr Newsletter 2011. First of all, we really appreciated to have received your kindest and introductory letter. We are very sorry for such a long delay in replying to you.

On 19 June 2011, it was a wonderful day to have been able to welcome and share happiness and joy with the members of Townsville U3A who gave their active and energetic encouragement to the members of U3A Japan.

Thanks again for coming to the U3A Osaka. We would like to continue our friendship between U3A Australia and U3A Osaka from now on.

We participated in the Asia and Pacific U3As conference on 8th and 9th August in Singapore and discussed about U3As in 10 different countries, such as Singapore, South Africa, India, Nepal, Portland, UK and Japan.

With Kindest regards
Akiko Tsukatani
On behalf of U3A Japan,
NPO Age Concern Japan.

REVIEW -ATHERTON TABLELANDS TRIP

Many thanks to Nanette for another interesting and enjoyable Coach trip. This time it was a two day trip over the Atherton Tablelands, which kept us busy and entertained. The coach wasn't quite full this time so we had extra room to spread out.

We set off at 7am from the Palmetum on Saturday 22nd October and travelled to Ingham where we stopped for morning tea. Naturally there were a few showers of rain, it wouldn't be Ingham without a bit of rain

would it? Nanette brewed tea and coffee on a gas stove and brought along some delicious jam donuts for everyone.

After travelling to Tully, we pulled in for a photo shoot of the big gumboot along with its giant frog, plus a comfort stop and twenty minutes to stretch our legs. Moving on past Milla Milla and Malanda, we then made our way to Gallos Cheese and Chocolate factory. We were treated to an interesting talk on cheese making and got to sample some of the wonderful cheeses and chocolates, which were all for sale as well. They had a large range of souvenirs available for sale, plus we were served with and enjoyed a most tasty and filling lunch.

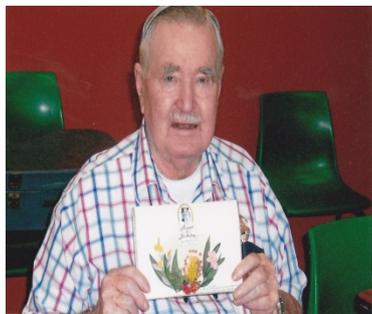
On to Mareeba, then to the Coffee Works, for afternoon tea and cake. We were able to sample a vast array of coffees, and chocolates, like chilli chocolate and lemon myrtle chocolate to name only two of perhaps twelve to eighteen varieties. They also had available samples of coffee liquers which were really delicious. There seemed to be no limit on the number of samples you could have. Hic, hic.

Eventually, we were dragged away from the liquers and returned to Atherton where we stayed for the night. We all met at the Atherton Hotel for dinner and once again were treated to excellent friendly service and wonderful food. In fact, it was so good, that many of us returned there for breakfast. Some of us just couldn't fit in another bite at that point.

After breakfast we took a trip up to Halloran's Hill Lookout and looked out over the rolling hills of the Tablelands, which were beautiful and green and kind to the eyes. We then moved on and spent a few hours going through the Herberton Historic Village, which brought back a few memories of times past for some of us and we had a light lunch there before heading off again. We had a glass of wine at The Crater, drove up to Milla Milla Lookout then a visit to Milla Milla Falls.

Sadly then, it was time for us to head back to Townsville as we were due back about 6.30pm. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip, the great company, the care taken by our Coach Driver Ron and appreciated the time and effort that Nanette put into making it happen.

TUESDAY CARDMAKING NEWS



It has been a busy few months for our group – quite a few new faces to welcome, as well as bidding farewell to two dear friends. In August we heard of the passing of our dear mentor, Bill Read. For some of us it was Bill who first introduced us to the art of Paper Quilling – his patience and advice will be fondly remembered. Bill worked with us for many years as well as being an active member of the mah jong group – these activities he particularly looked forward to in his later years, only retiring at the age of 90 in April 2008.

There were quite a few representatives from U3A present at Bill's funeral and we were very impressed to hear what a full and active life Bill had led in his 92 years.

Early in September, five of us were amongst 24 who participated in a Cardmaking Workshop weekend at the Hotel Townsville organised by The Stamp Shak. It was 2 great days of project making, meeting new people who shared the same interests topped off by lots of fun and friendship. Donna, Di and Gayle must be congratulated on the very professional manner in which the workshop was put together and we're all looking forward to a similar event next year – probably to be held in the Ipswich area.



Di (The Stamp Shak), Mavis, Shirley, Betty, Donna (The Stamp Shak), Lorna, June Geaney (seated)

Members from some other groups may have met Sue Woodforth who joined the Cardmaking group back in 2008. Whilst paper tole was Sue's forte, it wasn't long before it was obvious she also had a flair for pergamano and other aspects of papercraft. Sue purchased a caravan in 2010 and after a trial run up to Cooktown, she and Jesse set out to travel south to catch up with family and friends – the big adventure. Sue took ill after arriving in Mount Gambier and sadly lost her battle with cancer after only six months, passing away early in October. Sue was another of life's "beautiful people" who was always ready to share her knowledge and talents and will be sadly missed.



The Cardmaking Group meets each Tuesday (please refer to Class Schedule for further details). Anyone interested in learning or sharing aspects of Cardmaking using Paper Quilling, embroidery, beading, 3D etc is welcome to come along and join in – also those who enjoy keeping busy with other types of craft such as crochet, embroidery and the like.

An Aussie, a Yank and a Pom walked into a bar. The barman takes one look at them and says "What's this – a joke?"

DON'T FIGHT IT

Researchers believe that crying and laughing come from the same part of the brain. If this is true then you will understand that as laughing has many health benefits like lowering blood pressure and boosting the immune system so too then does crying.

A huge percentage of men and women say that they feel better after crying. It certainly acts well as a stress reliever.

By the same token, repressing tears can cause problems like high blood pressure, even heart problems and cancer. So when you feel like having a good howl – don't fight it.

A GREAT WORKING LIFE

I had many jobs over my lifetime, my first job was in a supermarket but I didn't put much stock in it and then got sacked.

I thought I would try dressmaking, but then I decided that job was just sew, sew.

I worked as a cook to add a bit of spice to my life but then couldn't find the thyme.

I tried juicing oranges for a living but just couldn't concentrate.

Eventually I became a life guard at a pool. It went swimmingly, but I did find it a little draining.

JOKE

Two dingoes were watching a couple of tourists sitting around the camp site sharing a bottle of wine. One dingo says to the other "Let's wait for an hour or so. They taste much better when they've been marinated."

Below are some photos from Tablelands Trip. Coffee Pots from Coffee Works Display. Old school desks at Herberton Historic Village. View from Halloran's Hill in Atherton and Static Display in Tully with the Sugar Mill in the background.



U3A CLASS TIMETABLE as of 2nd Nov 2011

Time	Class	Contact	Venue
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Monday

9.00 – 10.00	Exercise Class	Merv Pilcher 4729 0915	Health Studio. 1/276 Charters Twrs Rd
9.00 – 12.00	Mah Jong	Shirley Fitzgerald – 4721 2820	Contact Shirley Fitzgerald 4721 2820
9.00 – 1.00	Social Art (no Tutor)	Wendy Ford 4775 7108	Hodel Room, Thuringowa Dve Townsville City Council
10.00 – 12.00	Book Club (Monthly on 2 nd Mon of each month)	Lois Williams 4778 1930	Aitkenvale Library Or SydCollins 4729 0275 pm
1.00 – 2.00	Indonesian Begins 28 th Feb 2011	Eric Campbell – 4779 8947	Aitkenvale Library Meeting Room
1.00 – 4.00	Art (no Tutor)	Patricia Jones 4723 4298	Hodel Room, Thuringowa Dve Townsville City Council
2.30 – 4.00	Philosophy	Peter Burns 4779 5214	Aitkenvale Library Meeting Room – contact Tutor first

Tuesday

9.00 – 12.00	Quilling & Cardmaking	June Lorimor 4771 6227	Hodel Room, Thuringowa Dve Townsville City Council
10.00 – 12.00	Creative Writing	Chic Bottrill 4773 2517 Val Spencer 47236083	U3A Office 1 Casey St. Aitkenvale
2.00 – 4.00	Computer Users Group Last Tues. of Month	Adrian Gaemers 4775 5124	Check Venue with Tutor

Wednesday

9.00 – 10.00	Exercise Class	Bev Burns 4779 5214	Health Studio 1/276 Charters Twrs Rd
9.00 – 12.00	Pottery Class	Nick Dimitriou 0438 132 707 Syd Collins 4729 0275	NQ Potters Assoc Flowers St
9.00 – 1.00	Scrapbooking	Sandra Bowtell 4789 2832	9 Thornbill Close Kelso
9.30 – 12.30	Canasta	Hanna Wiskar 4773 6504	German-Australian Club
10.00 – 12.00	Scrabble	Nanette Grace 4721 4484 0409050879	Contact Tutor re venue Or SydCollins 4729 0275 pm
1.00 – 3.00 (8 week course)	Drawing & Painting For beginners	Sylvia Hayes 0428 030 040	NQ Potters Assoc, Flowers St. (Commencing. 25 th May)
1.00 – 3.00	Wood carving	John Picard 4779 4427	T'ville State High School
2.00 – 4.00	Beadwork Class	Bev Ponder 0413 389 534	Contact Tutor for venue

Thursday

Mornings - Time variable	Golf	Pat Rainee 4771 3706	Rowes Bay Golf Club
9.00 – 12.00	Art & Craft	Jan Fels 4721 3636 Peg McElhinney 4779 8621	Salvation Army Hall Madden Street, A'vale
10.00 – 11.30	Successful Investor	Robert Fuller 47550161 Trevor Smith 47891122	City TAFE
10.30 – 11.30	Exercise Class	Mahn Cooke 4755 0715	Health Studio. 1/276 Charters Twrs Rd
10.00 – 11.00	French Language	Pam Calmer 4725 5647	U3A Office 1 Casey Street

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Friday

7.45 – 8.30 am	Walking	Mary Collins 4789 0590	Various locations - check with Tutor
7.30 – 8.30	Water Walkers Group (each Mon, Wed & Fri.)	Sonia Elek 4723 7109	Riverway Lagoons Pools (This class is in recession 'til Oct.)
9.00 – 10.00	Exercise Class	Audrey Tonkin 4771 4375	Health Studio 1/276 Charters Twrs Rd
9.00 – 12.00	Mah Jong	Shirley Fitzgerald – 4721 2820	Contact Shirley Fitzgerald 4721 2820
10.00 – 12.00	Women Beyond 2000	Dorothy Lee 4773 5170	Women's Centre, Patrick St.
1.30 – 3.00	First Friday @ Perc Tucker Gallery	Angela Cheung 47279011 Anne Matthews 0488 257 180	Perc Tucker Gallery Resumes 3rd Feb 2012
2.00 – 3.30	Friday Talks (Last Friday of each Month)	By various speakers	Aitkenvale Library meeting Room
4.00 – 5.00	Using a Mobile Phone	Theresa Jarrett 0417 600 813	A'vale Library Meeting Room (This class reconvenes 16 th Sept.)

Saturday

9.00 – 10.00	Exercise Class Seniors	Mahn Cooke 4755 0715	Health Studio 1/276 Charters Towers Rd.
Various times & days	Computer classes for Beginners	Nanette Grace 4721 4484 04 0905 0879	Community Centres in various suburbs (4 p/class)
Any time	Computer Support	Adrian Gaemers 4775 5124	
Anytime	Computer Support (Apple Mac Only)	John Holt 4773 4600	

MAGNETIC ISLAND COURSES

General Inquiries – Don Kinsey (47 581 349)

Elementary Physics	Don Kinsey	4758 1349	Monday	10:00 to 12:00
Maths made easy Chemistry made easy	John Becker	4758 1938	Alternate weeks: Commencement date still to be determined.	
Tai Chi Exercise Class	Peter Duckworth	4758 1981	Tuesday	7:00 to 8:00
Computer Users	Don Kinsey	4758 1349	Tuesday	10:00 to 12:00
French Conversation	Liz Owen	4778 5735	Wednesday	9:30 to 11:00
Music Through the Recorder	Jill Edward-Davis	4758 1389	Wednesday	3.00 to 5.00
Spanish	Malcolm Waters	4778 5715	Thursday	9:30 to 11:30
Tai Chi – Yang 85	Peter Duckworth	4758 1981	Friday	7:00am to 8:00