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## Diary dates

Monday 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 27 January	Term 1 starts
Saturday 21 March	Annual General Meeting
Thursday 2 April	Term 1 finishes
Monday 8—Saturday 13 June	Exploring the Hunter Valley and Hawkesbury Regions Tour

## From the President

### Commencement of term 1 courses

It is just about time for courses to recommence. Enjoy coming back to U3A.

### Thank you

Thank you to so many members who have been on-campus assisting in so many ways during the break. Whether you have assisted with repairs and maintenance jobs, the preparation of course resources, assistance in the office or the management of member course enrolment and prepayments, your efforts have been invaluable. Well done, team.



### Something new!

Are you well-travelled, or a trivia-buff, or just know your geography?

Then look out for the quiz buried in the kitchen slide-show in Term 1 this year. Among the slides are pictures of 12 capital cities from around the globe, identified by a hashtag number in the top right-hand corner of the image. Name all the capital cities on an entry form found on all tea room tables and place the completed form into the Suggestion Box (on the eastern wall). The winner will be the first correct entry received, and will be announced in the next *Campus Communiqué*.

### Your personal details on our database

It is most important that your personal details are always up to date. Please let the office volunteers know if there are changes to your home address, email address, telephone numbers or emergency contact details.

## Community jigsaw puzzle library

Between the entrance doors of Margaret Ball Rooms North and South, you will find a cupboard, just filled with jigsaw puzzles.

How about we treat this supply as a community jigsaw library?

Bring one jigsaw puzzle from home and take one from the cupboard. Please do not bring in a collection of puzzles, as we do not have the storage capacity.

Let us see how the concept works.

Happy jigsaw puzzling!

The concept of this project emanated from one of our members. Thank you.



## The giveaway table

This table, at the eastern end of the tea room has been removed. Please do not bring any more preloved items from home that you wish to give away.

## Membership

Total membership is currently 1,515.

Enjoy U3A. Enjoy learning, enjoy meeting others, enjoy having fun.

## Rusell Hopkins

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## From the Course Coordination Team

### Term 1, 2026

A warm welcome back to all our members as we begin another exciting year at U3A. We hope you enjoyed a refreshing break and are looking forward to reconnecting, learning, and sharing friendships throughout 2026. We wish everyone a happy, healthy, and rewarding year ahead.

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## **Change to course prepayments**

At a recent meeting of the Management Committee, it was decided that members who prepay for a course will be subject to the same rule as those who pay by vouchers in regard to absences and removal from classes.

In essence, this means that, as from the start of Term 1 2026 students who fail to attend the first three classes of a course and have not advised the Course Coordination Team of an absence, will be removed from that course. This will occur whether the payment is by class vouchers or by prepayment.

## **Planned absences from classes**

If you plan to be absent from a class for more than one session, please notify the Course Coordination Team. You may wish to advise your tutor as a courtesy; however, it is not the tutor's responsibility to pass this information on.

If you do not attend a course for three weeks and have not communicated with the Course Coordination Team (sickness, holidays, etc.) enrolment in that class will be suspended.

## **Course waiting lists**

The Course Coordination Team are regularly checking course waiting lists to move as many members to the enrolled class list as soon as possible.

## **Membership badges**

A reminder to please wear your U3A membership badge when attending classes and activities. Badges help our volunteers quickly identify members in the event of an incident or emergency, ensuring support can be provided promptly. Thank you for helping us look after one another.

## **Enrolment days**

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy over five enrolment days. Your patience, friendliness, and willingness to help did not go unnoticed. We received a great deal of positive feedback from members who felt welcomed and well supported. Your contribution is truly valued.

## **Tutor meeting**

Thank you to all the tutors who attended the recent information session. It was great to see 75 tutors gave up their time to come together.

With a wide range of topics covered and the lively discussion made it a very worthwhile session. Thanks to Petra for catering a light lunch.

## **Course coordination information desk**

A member from the Course Coordination Team will now be sitting next to the registration desk on Monday to Thursday mornings. This change will assist members who have any enquiries about enrolling.

## From the Secretary

The **Annual General Meeting** of U3A Redcliffe Inc will be held at the campus on Saturday 21 March, commencing at 10:00 am.

Nomination forms for the office bearer positions and Management Committee members will be available to all members from Wednesday 11 February.

The process of nomination and voting procedures will be communicated to you in the coming weeks.

We shall also be informing you of any special resolutions that will be considered at the AGM.

Please consider nominating for one of the positions. Our organisation cannot function without an effective management committee.

*Pamela Sealy*

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## Library news

Happy New Year all Redcliffe U3A Members.

I am looking forward to meeting old and new members over the coming weeks.

Just a few messages about our Libraries for 2026.

The main catalogued library with the carded books is open for business the whole week, so please go and browse and borrow. Some wonderful donated gems are there just for you.

The borrowing time for carded books is one month with a view for one month extra borrowing. I am going to monitor this very closely as I am still trying to get back overdues from 2026.

All books in this library are returned at the end of each year. That has been my policy for six years.

Thank you for donations to the Community Library. Please ensure the donations are in good condition.

Happy Reading Folks!!!

*Sharyn Reggars*

Librarian

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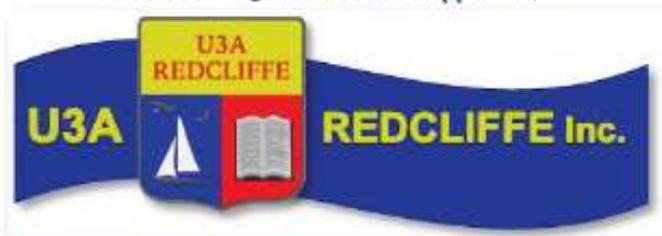
## Contributions welcome

What is happening in your U3A class? If you have a story to tell and/or photos to share about your class's activities, other members would love to know about them.

Please contact Jennifer Booth: [editor@u3aredcliffe.org.au](mailto:editor@u3aredcliffe.org.au)

# Exploring The Hunter Valley Hawkesbury Regions!

With U3A Redcliffe Inc



**6 Days / 5 Nights - Fully Escorted**

**Tour Departs Monday 8 June - Saturday 13 June, 2026.**



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**Please do not direct any queries regarding this tour to U3A Redcliffe. All communication should be with Trade Travel personnel.**

## Electric cars: Coming ready or not

John Murray from U3A Brisbane will be holding classes at Everton Park Library from 10:00 am—12:00 noon on Wednesdays, over six weeks, starting on 4 February.

This course looks at the pragmatics of ownership, basic understandings and the technical and social contexts that have brought the electric car to popularity.

Members of U3A Redcliffe who wish to attend this course will need to apply to U3A Brisbane for Affiliate membership (\$20 per annum) by contacting the U3A Brisbane office:

phone: 3236 3055 or email [mail@u3abrisbane.org.au](mailto:mail@u3abrisbane.org.au).

More information is available from the U3A Brisbane website: [u3abrisbane.org.au/class-search](http://u3abrisbane.org.au/class-search) and searching Wednesday classes in the Miscellaneous category.



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## Care and Concern

At times there is notification that a member has not been enjoying the best of health, perhaps with a hospital stay. On some occasions this has not been known until much later.

If you know of a member who is not well, can you please contact the Care and Concern Coordinator, Jean Hunt, on 0432 107 261 and she will arrange for a card to be sent from U3A.

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