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Diary dates

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

When the air-conditioning does not work

These ladies from the *Creative Sewing* course on Wednesday 11 February happily moved to the kitchen area to create in cooler conditions.

Lots of vehicles from the Council's air-conditioning contractor have been visiting over the past week, but at midday on Wednesday 18 February, no solution had been found to the problem.



Pre-Valentine's Day at U3A

Former origami tutor, Hugh Smith was giving away his 'heart' creations last Friday, 13 February, the day before Valentine's Day.

What a master this man is in the Japanese art of folding paper. Some members may remember the many creations that Hugh donated to members over the years.

Thank you, Hugh for your generosity.



New photocopier to arrive soon



Our current photocopier, purchased by U3A five years ago is no longer covered by a maintenance agreement and will leave our campus soon.

In its budget for the current year, the Management Committee has approved the purchase of a new machine for \$7,900.

The new copier will be delivered in early March.

The current machine has performed really well over the years. Its most important task has been the printing of thousands of Course Handbooks.

Exploring the Hunter Valley and Hawkesbury Regions tour

Bookings for this tour are steadily taking place.

Printed copies of the itinerary and booking forms are available from the campus office.

U3A members may certainly book with family members or friends who are not members of U3A Redcliffe.

Please send completed booking forms and deposit to Trade Travel as soon as possible, so as flight and accommodation bookings can be made.

One week to go!

Check out the quiz buried in the kitchen slide show. Amongst 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 near the Suggestion Box 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 issue of the *Campus Communiqué*.

Total membership is currently 1,565.

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

Russell Hopkins

From the Course Coordination Team

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.

This is a safety issue which is why we feel the need for constant reminders.



Planning for Term 2

Lots of exciting new courses are being planned for term 2. Some of these include:

- Waldorf Geometric Drawing,
- Ukulele Beginner's Bootcamp,
- Building on Beginner's Ukulele Bootcamp,
- Floristry,
- Herbs for Every Day,
- Poetry: My Way,
- Spirituality for the Second Half of Life.

Members are unable to enrol for term 2 courses at this time.

Thank you

A big thank you to those members who have taken the time to express positive views on the work being done by the Course Coordination Team.

Thank you

Another big thank you to those tutors and members for your patience during our current air-conditioning issues within Margaret Ball Room North.

Thank you

Some very grateful members have expressed their appreciation in the last fortnight for the great experiences that they are currently having in classes.

From the Secretary

Annual General Meeting

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 were emailed to all members on Wednesday 11 February. Printed forms are available for members adjacent to the suggestion box.



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

Completed nomination forms must be placed in the box, next to the suggestion box by 4:00 pm on Wednesday 25 February.

Unsubscribing from emails

Please be aware, that a request to be unsubscribed from emails will mean that you will receive no information on what is happening on campus. It also mean no information on class enrolment or cancellation of classes and other important information will b received.

Pamela Sealy

From the Membership Team

As advised in previous Communiques, it is a requirement that members wear their badge when attending classes. This is to identify genuine members and, most importantly, to enable us to quickly contact your emergency contact should you have an accident or medical episode while on campus.

We still have a large number of badges awaiting collection, so if you don't have one, please ask at the check-in desk next time you attend a class. If your classes are held off-site, please take the time to call in and collect your badge as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Valerie Biggs

Assistant Membership Officer

From the Librarian

Good Morning all members and in particular the new members for 2026.

Today I want to send a reminder to all who borrow from our threew onderful libraries.

Again this year the Community Library is proving very popular. This is a borrow (no more than two books at a time) and return library: no library cards involved.

Many thanks to the great donations from Members. The same procedures apply to the Language Library.

However, it must be noted that books in the main Library and the two displays are carded books and the book card needs to be filled in with your name, etc. and left with the office staff. Borrowing is for one month only and books need to be returned to the office staff.





The current display for two weeks is *European Vacation*.

The previous display of art books were very well received but the library cards do not match the number of books borrowed. I am sure folk just need a reminder about taking book cards to the office staff who will be very helpful.

I am still contacting people about books borrowed in 2025. Easy to forget in our busy lives but borrowed books need to be returned.

It has been very enjoyable meeting new members this year. There have been lots of compliments about the libraries, which makes all the volunteer hours worthwhile.

Happy Reading

Sharyn Reggars

Another wow! and well done to all the U3A Redcliffe knitters

And we have only just started back!

You have to love the quirky looking basket!

If you are new to U3A Redcliffe please have a go and knit a few rows in any stitch. You may think you have forgotten but truly it's like muscle memory it will come back. Just check out the photo, this gentleman had been taught by his mum and he remembered! Congrats!

So, if you come in a bit early before your class or have busy hands or feeling stressed, grab the basket or take it to the classroom. This is about knitting a row it is **not** about perfect knitting.

Knitting is good for brain health and finessing your fine motor skills!

Sue Taylor



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.

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.

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