



# Campus Communiqué

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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

### Thank you

Thank you to those members who put their hand up to nominate for membership of our management committee to run U3A Redcliffe after the annual general meeting on Saturday 21 March. Welcome back to Steve Wilson and Greg McGrath, who have been members previously.



### Warning to members

One of our members has reported that she has been through an identity theft incident. She believes that this issue commenced when she was requested to give her driver licence details to a business that later was later found to be fraudulent.

The first suspicious aspect was the arrival of a credit card in the mail that was also fraudulent. After contacting her bank and the Australian Federal Police, she was advised to have her driver licence cancelled and a new one issued.

Unfortunately, senior citizens can be quite susceptible to this type of incident. Be very careful with your personal details.

## Exploring The Hunter Valley Hawkesbury Regions!

*With U3A Redcliffe Inc*



Greg and Andy from Trade Travel will be coming to U3A Redcliffe campus on Saturday 14 March at 10:00 am to answer all your questions about our proposed trip and others. Doors open at 9:45 am.

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.

## **Kitchen slide show**

Congratulations to Carol Ciol and Trish Allard for achieving the most successful entry in our kitchen slide show capital city quiz. In case you are interested, the correct responses were:

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|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Berlin       | 5. London      | 9. Ottawa     |
| 2. Buenos Aires | 6. Valletta    | 10. Paris     |
| 3. Cape Town    | 7. Mexico City | 11. Reykjavik |
| 4. Kathmandu    | 8. New Delhi   | 12. Tokyo     |

Thank you to Cath Voysey for coming up with the concept. Watch out for a new theme soon.

## **Singing for Pleasure concert: an invitation**

At their final class for term 1, the Singing for Pleasure course is conducting a concert on Friday 27 March. Members who do not participate in this course are invited to attend this concert, commencing at 9:00 am in the Margaret Ball Rooms, North and South.

## **Total membership is currently 1,580**

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

*Russell Hopkins*

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## **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.

### **Special Resolutions to change the Constitution**

Three special resolutions will be put to attendees who attend the Annual General Meeting. If passed, these resolutions will make changes to the U3A Redcliffe Constitution.



Details of these resolutions will be emailed to all members in the next few days.

### **New Management Committee**

Nominations for the new Management Committee closed on Wednesday 25 February.

No ballots for positions will be required. The new committee will be composed of eleven members as follows:

#### **Office bearers**

President: Dianne Pelin

Vice President: Pamela Sealy

Secretary: Steve Wilson

Treasurer: Ruth Northcott

Course Coordination Team representative: Teresa Dugic

Committee members: Jean Calvert, Ray Chapman, Barbara Cooper, Elle Frawley, June Greenwood, Greg McGrath.

*Pamela Sealy*

## From the Course Coordination Team



Russell Hopkins, Teresa Dugic, Petra Lyons, Steve McGahey

### 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

We have lots of exciting new courses 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.

### Advising an absence

To ensure attendance records are managed correctly, members are asked **not to log absences on the online platform, Member Wizard.**

If you need to advise an absence please speak with the Course Coordination team at the desk next to the Registration Desk, or email [coursesandtutors.redcliffe@gmail.com](mailto:coursesandtutors.redcliffe@gmail.com).

## From the Vice-President

### Updated Policies and Procedures: coming soon to our website

U3A is built on the enthusiasm, goodwill and cooperation of its members, tutors and volunteers. As our organisation has grown to over 1,500 members, it has become increasingly important that we have clear, fair and up-to-date policies and procedures to support everyone involved.

We are pleased to advise that a reviewed and updated set of U3A Policies and Procedures will shortly be published on our website. These documents have been carefully revised to ensure they are current, relevant, and reflective of how our organisation now operates.

### Why do we need policies and procedures?

In an organisation of our size, policies are not about red tape or control. They exist to:

- Provide clarity and consistency in how matters are handled
- Support a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for all members
- Protect members, tutors, volunteers and the organisation itself
- Ensure we meet our legal and governance obligations
- Offer clear guidance when issues or concerns arise



Put simply, policies help everyone understand what is expected and what support is available.

### What policies are included?

The updated Policy and Procedure Manual includes the following sections:

1. Code of Conduct including a new policy on Misconduct
2. Workplace Health and Safety
3. Financial & Administration including a new policy on Record Keeping
4. General Policies including a new policy, Dogs on Campus

Each policy has been written in plain language, with the aim of being practical and easy to understand.

### What does this mean for members?

For most members, these policies will simply confirm what already happens day-to-day. However, having them clearly documented ensures that if questions, concerns or unexpected situations arise, there is a transparent and consistent framework to guide decisions.

We encourage all members—particularly tutors and volunteers—to take some time to familiarise themselves with the policies once they are available on the website.

Further information, including the web link, will be provided as soon as the updated policies are released.

Thank you for helping to make U3A a welcoming, safe and well-run organisation for everyone.

**Di Pellin**



Dan Stalker is our new Trivia Guru and is ready to challenge us during our term 1—2 break.

A trivia morning will be held on Wednesday 8 April 2026, commencing at 10:00 am in the Margaret Ball Rooms at the U3A campus.

You can form a table of four with a catchy team name or, if you wish to come along by yourself, no problem, you will be placed in a group of four. Registration and payment is at the U3A front office as usual.

The cost of \$12.00 per person is payable with registration at the office by Wednesday 1 April 2026.

The trivia rounds should conclude about 12:00 noon. A light lunch, which is included in the price, will follow. A number of prizes will be awarded. Come along for a morning of fun and Easter spirit. One never knows what questions Dan will come up with.

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## Staying safe online, and more

Learn how to be safe, confident and comfortable online with [Be Connected](#), the Australian Government website that provides a wealth of information to help build computer skills.

Whether you're using a government website, banking online, or keeping in touch with family and friends, *Be Connected* offers practical learning to help you make the most of the digital world—safely and at your own pace.

Among the easy-to-follow courses available are [Fun things to do with your photos](#) and [Tips for shopping safely online](#).

Webinar presentations for March are [iPhone basics](#) on Thursday 19 March at 2:00 pm (3:00 pm AEDT) and [Protect Yourself Against Scams](#) on Tuesday 24 March at 2:00 pm (3:00 pm AEDT).



## Out and about on campus



**Singing with Gusto** recently dressed up for theme of music from *South Pacific* and *Phantom of the Opera*.



**Basic Fun with Watercolours** are enjoying learning more about watercolour painting techniques and tips from Tutor Jenny Holmes.

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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.

## 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)

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