

Diary dates

Saturday 21 March	Annual General Meeting
Thursday 2 April	Term 1 finishes
Monday 6 April	Course Handbook released
Monday 6 April	Online enrolments commence
Tuesday 7 April	Office open 9 am—12 noon for class enrolments
Wednesday 8 April	Office open 9 am—12 noon for class enrolments
Tuesday 14 April	Office open 9 am—12 noon for class enrolments
Wednesday 15 April	Office open 9 am—12 noon for class enrolments
Thursday 17 April	Prepayment for courses closes
Monday 20 April	Term 2 courses commence
Monday 8—Saturday 13 June	Exploring the Hunter Valley and Hawkesbury Regions Tour

From the President

Thank you

Suzanne Markham has decided to resign from her position as Social Events Coordinator.

Thank you, Suzanne for your efforts into planning and running social events for U3A Redcliffe members.



Expressions of interest

The Management Committee of U3A Redcliffe is calling for expressions of interest for the position of Social Events Coordinator.

Interested members are asked to submit an expression of interest to president@u3aredcliffe.org.au by Thursday 2 April.

Follow the link to download the Social Events Coordinator Position Description:

[PD Social Events Coordinator.pdf](#).

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.

Well, that's it, folks

This is my final President's Report for our Campus Communique. I made the decision some time ago not to renominate for the position of President or to be part of the Management Committee.

It has been an interesting ride!

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

I shall continue as a member of the Course Coordination Team.

Best wishes to Di Pelin who will become the new President of U3A Redcliffe at the AGM on Saturday.

Total membership is currently 1,591

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

Russell Hopkins

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. A late morning tea will be provided after the meeting concludes.

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 were emailed to all members on Saturday 7 March.

New Management Committee

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 Vice President

Reflections at the end of my second term as Vice President

As I complete my second term as Vice President of Redcliffe U3A, I reflect on a year that has included both achievements and challenges.

Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank Russell Hopkins, our retiring President, for the outstanding contribution he has made over the past year. Russell not only carried the responsibilities of President but also served as Course Coordinator, an office volunteer and the organisation's general 'go-to' person for many matters. I have learned a great deal from working alongside him, particularly about the many facets of our organisation and the nature of leadership in a volunteer environment. Thank you, Russell—it has been a genuine pleasure.

I would also like to thank the Committee for their support and thoughtful input throughout the year. Together we have worked to ensure that Redcliffe U3A continues to grow and thrive while maintaining the values that make it such a special organisation: friendship, learning, sharing knowledge and enjoying the company of others with similar interests.

My thanks also go to the many volunteers who give their time and energy to keep Redcliffe U3A running so successfully. From those who assist in the office and welcome members, to those who manage programs and tutor classes, every contribution helps create the vibrant community we enjoy. I would particularly like to acknowledge the Course Coordinator team for their work managing our extensive class program.

While Program Coordinator for Policy and Planning is not formally part of the Vice President's role, I chose to take this on due to my previous professional experience in this area. Over the past year, many members have contributed to the development of a new five-year Strategic Plan and to the review and updating of our Policies and Procedures.

Special thanks go to Pamela Sealy and Terese Dugic for their valuable contributions, and to Barbara Cooper for the considerable work involved in formatting the documents. I would also like to thank my careful proofreader, Russell Hopkins, whose eye for detail ensured the documents are clear, consistent and professional. Finally, I acknowledge Steve Wilson and his team, whose original documents provided the framework on which this work has been built.

With a new Management Committee coming into office following the AGM on 21 March 2026, I hope members will continue to support the policies, processes and systems that help ensure fairness, safety and good governance within our organisation.

Di Pelin



From the Course Coordination Team



Russell Hopkins, Teresa Dugic, Petra Lyons, Steve

Planning for Term 2

We have lots of exciting new courses planned for Term 2. Some of these include:

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- Waldorf Geometric Drawing
- Ukulele Beginners Bootcamp
- Building on Beginners Ukulele Bootcamp
- Floristry
- Herbs for Every Day
- Poetry: My Way
- Spirituality for the Second Half of Life
- Japanese Intermediate
- Italian Beginners
- Basic Fun with Water Colour Class 2
- Money Matters
- First Steps to Mindfulness
- Current Affairs – What is behind them?

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

Course Handbook

The Course Handbook for Term 2 is in its final stages of preparation. Tutors are currently being consulted concerning course details.

Timeline of important dates

- 2 April: Final day for Term 1 courses
- 6 April: Course Handbook released
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Money Matters

New five-week course, Term 2
with Tutor Greg McGrath

Monday 10:30 am—12 noon

Enrol online 6 April, or
at the office 9 am—12 noon

7, 8, 14, 15 April

Bring the shares you own or would like to own
for a computerized analysis

The course covers:

- The three basic ways to invest in shares
- Direct share investment for income and capital growth
- Listed Managed Funds for income and capital growth
 - Australian-listed Index Funds
 - US-listed Index Funds
- Account-based superannuation fund draw-downs
 - Equity release for money to live on

Please note: This course provides information only, no advice

© I just read somewhere that we aren't losing our memory: we are just really good at letting go of our past. Doesn't that make you feel much better?

© Be careful where you shop online.
I ordered a German Shepherd and now this guy lives with me.

Spanish celebrations

Members of both the Spanish for Beginners and Spanish Intermediate A course, with tutor Alba Obando, celebrated International Women's Day on Friday 6 March, in a Spanish style, of course



Spanish for Beginners class celebrating International Women's Day



Spanish Intermediate A course celebrated International Women's Day

From the Editor

First of all, thank you to all the people who have provided feedback about the new *Campus Communique* format. I greatly appreciate the support, and welcome constructive criticism.

While I encourage members to provide information about U3A activities, unfortunately I have had to decline submissions from some members who have wanted to promote particular philosophies, commercial activities, or business schemes under the pretext of providing information to other members. As U3A Redcliffe is an apolitical, non-denominational and not-for-profit organisation this type of material is not suitable for inclusion in this newsletter.

Given what's in the news currently, I think we all need to heed the following, which just popped up in my Facebook feed.

Because of the fuel crisis and rising transport costs, supermarkets are now placing long-term limits on the amount of essentials one person can purchase...

- **Coles: 2 packs of pasta, 1 pack of toilet paper (max 24 rolls), 1 bottle of cooking oil**

- **Woolworths: 2 packs of pasta, 2 packs of toilet paper (max 24 rolls), 1 bottle of cooking oil**

- **Aldi: 2 trumpets, 1 diving suit, 1 MIG welder, and 2 plastic meerkats**

Shared from *Memewhile in Australia*

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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.

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