

Diary dates

6 April	Term 2 Course Handbook emailed to members
6 April	Online enrolments commence from 2:00 pm
7 April	Office open 9:00—12:00 noon for class enrolments and prepayment
8 April	Office open 9:00—12:00 noon for class enrolments and prepayment
14 April	Office open 9:00—12:00 noon for class enrolments and prepayment
15 April	Office open 9:00—12:00 noon for class enrolments and prepayment
17 April	Prepayment for courses closes
20 April	Term 2 courses commence
4 May	Labour Day—Campus Closed

From the President

As another wonderful term at U3A draws to a close, we also look forward to the welcome pause of the Easter break.

Our recent AGM, held on campus, was attended by around 50 members who witnessed the handover from one Management Committee to the next. A copy of the minutes is available in hard copy in the library for those who wish to read them.

I would like to sincerely thank Russell Hopkins, who accepted the role of President with some reluctance and went on to do an outstanding job—always accompanied by his trademark dry sense of humour. It was especially pleasing to see Russell awarded Life Membership at the AGM, a recognition he has so richly earned through his dedication and contribution to our organisation.

My thanks also go to those members who have generously returned for another term on the Committee: Ruth Northcott as Treasurer; Teresa Dugic as part of the Course Coordinator team; and Jean Calvert, Ray Chapman, Barb Cooper, Elle Frawley and June Greenwood. We also thank Pamela Sealy for her service as Secretary, and welcome her into the role of Vice President.

I am pleased to welcome Steve Wilson, who has returned to take on the demanding role of Secretary, and Greg McGrath as a new member of the Committee.



With a full complement of positions, we are well placed as a team and look forward to supporting the continued growth of our organisation while preserving the unique spirit that makes U3A so special.

Like many volunteer organisations, we rely on members stepping forward to serve. Quite simply, without key roles such as President and Secretary, an organisation cannot continue. Your support and involvement are what sustain us.

Finally, I ask for your patience as I settle into the role and continue to learn the many facets of how our organisation operates. I am very much looking forward to getting to know more of you, exploring the wide range of classes on offer, and hearing the many fascinating stories that make up our community.

Have a safe and fun filled Easter and Term Break.

Di Pelin

From the Course Coordination Team



Russell Hopkins, Teresa Dugic, Petra Lyons, Steve McGahey

As Term 1 comes to a close, we would like to thank all our members for your support and enthusiasm. Your participation is what makes U3A such a vibrant, welcoming community. We hope that you have enjoyed your classes, explored new interests, and made some new friendships along the way. We look forward to welcoming you back in Term 2.

Planning for Term 2

We have lots of exciting new courses planned for Term 2.

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
- Japanese Intermediate
- Italian Beginners

- Basic Fun with Water Colour Class 2
- Money Matters
- First Steps to Mindfulness
- Current Affairs – What is behind them?
- Getting Back to Computer Basics
- Intermediate Computer
- Intermediate Android Tablets
- French Intermediate Reading
- Understanding Law – Topics for Non-Lawyers

We extend our appreciation to our new tutors for their dedication to developing the new courses. Their collaboration with the Course Co-ordination Team has been invaluable, contributing significantly to the successful implementation of a diverse and engaging program for our members. Our sincere thanks go to Russell and Petra for their exceptional commitment and the many hours they have contributed to the process.

Timeline of important dates:

- 6 April: Course Handbook released, which will be emailed to you on Monday morning
- 6 April: Online Enrolments commence from 2 pm
- 7 April: Office open 9 am—12 noon for class enrolments and prepayment
- 8 April Office open 9 am—12 noon for class enrolments and prepayment
- 14 April: Office open 9 am—12 noon for class enrolments and prepayment
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- 20 April: Term 2 courses commence
- 4 May: Labour Day—Campus Closed

We wish all tutors and members a very happy and safe Easter

Parking alert: Change in parking limits

One of our members unfortunately has a lighter bank account due to a parking fine while they were parked in the three-hour car park over near the Humpybong Park.

The City of Morton Bay Council has changed the car parking in this area to **three hours, seven days a week** and is now monitoring the area using a parking regulation vehicle fitted with number plate recognition technology. No longer do we watch for the piece of paper on the windscreen, the fine comes in the post. Take care.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on 21 March 2026.

The new Management Committee is:

- President: Di 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





Our German language students celebrated the end of Term 1 with an Easter luncheon, complete with naffed und kitchen and showing the yellow Forsythia Easter tree

Singing for Pleasure held a small concert on campus on 27 March, with an audience of over 30 guests.

U3A Redcliffe is proud of our wonderful, talented members.



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

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

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