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Diary dates

4 May	Labour day—campus closed
26 June	End Term 2
10 July	Volunteers Luncheon
13 July	Start Term 3
10 August	Show Day (Royal Queensland Show)
5 October	King's Birthday

From the President

Term 2

Welcome to new and returning members to our exciting range of 127 classes in term 2.

During the first week Pamela Sealy, our Vice President, and myself have been popping our heads into various classes to introduce ourselves to members who may not know us. It is truly a delight to see the beautiful crafts, try to understand some of those languages some of you are studying and, most of all, watch our members just socialising and enjoying each other's company. There is so much talent in our community.



The new Management Committee held its first meeting on 16 April 2026 and will spend future meetings looking at how we can move forward. This may involve members seeing changes in some of our processes.

Change is often spoken about as though it is something new, yet our generation has spent a lifetime adapting. Over the past fifty years we have experienced remarkable technological, social and cultural shifts that earlier generations would have seen unfold over much longer periods.

We have moved from a world without computers, mobile phones or the internet to one where digital communication, online services and instant information are part of everyday life. Along the way, we have adapted—learning new skills, embracing new tools, and adjusting to new ways of living and working.

These changes extend beyond technology. Society has evolved, education has expanded, and people are living longer, more active lives. The idea of lifelong learning, central to U3A, reflects this progress.

Adaptability is one of our generation's greatest strengths. Every new system learned or change embraced demonstrates resilience and curiosity.

Organisations also need to evolve. As U3A grows, updating processes and systems helps ensure it continues to run smoothly and serve members fairly.

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Importantly, change does not alter the core values of friendship, learning and shared experience—it simply supports them.

If anything, our experience shows we are well equipped to adapt. That willingness to keep learning and participating is what makes U3A such a strong and vibrant community.

We will be keeping members informed when these changes occur but really encourage our members to read their communication, emails, texts, the Communiqué.

WANTED! – Photos from classes

We show off what happens in our classes in the following ways.

- on our website (Jennifer Booth), web_manager@u3aredcliffe.org.au
- via the Tea Room slide show (Cath Voysey), cgvoysey@gmail.com, and
- via the Campus Communiqué (Jennifer Booth), editor@u3aredcliffe.org.au

If something in your class excites you, take a photo and send it to one, or all, of the above members, with a suitable caption.

Di Pelin

From the Secretary

As the recently elected Secretary, my contributions to the Campus Communiqué will mainly focus on reporting matters associated with the affairs of the Management Committee.

Engaging with the Management Committee

Members of the Management Committee value having suggestions from, and positive interactions with, our members. So, please feel free to engage with our committee of volunteers positively and productively to help our organisation improve and to have it run effectively for the benefit of all members.



Corresponding with the Committee

Did you know that the best way to sort out an important problem within our U3A or to get information is to put your query or concern in writing and address it to The Secretary? This can easily be done by handing your correspondence across the Office counter – making sure you include your contact details. You can also forward your query by email to u3a@u3aredcliffe.org.au, marking it to the attention of The Secretary. These methods enables the Secretary to quickly forward your matter to the most relevant people on the Committee, to monitor its progress, and to ensure you receive as timely a response as possible from the Committee.

Matters relating to classes and courses

As usual, day to day matters relating to enrolments and classes more generally should be directed to the Course Coordination team by emailing coursesandtutors.redcliffe@gmail.com, or if of immediate concern, by phoning the Course team's exclusive number on **0436 845 462**.

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The suggestion box

Using the suggestion box opposite the borrowing library is an excellent way to have your suggestion considered about how to improve our campus and operations. Each written suggestion received is placed on the agenda of the following Committee meeting and considered. If you include your name and contact details with your suggestion you will receive a reply outlining the Committee's response.

Matters from the April Committee meeting

These are some of the matters that were reported, discussed or resolved at the April Committee meeting:

- On April 13 Committee members Di Pelin, Ruth Northcott, Russell Hopkins and Ellie Frawley represented U3A Redcliffe at the meeting of our immediate (Moreton Bay area) U3As. This meeting occurs a few times each year and helps us to share best practices amongst our colleagues. This meeting was held on Bribie Island. A big thank you to those four for attending.
- Di Pelin, Pamela Sealy and Jean Calvert will formally represent U3A Redcliffe at the U3A State Conference to be held on the Sunshine Coast on May 13-14. Again, thanks in advance to those three members for attending, and also to our Committee member Ruth Northcott, who will also be attending as Secretary of the Qld U3A Network.
- Council has now approved our request to proceed with the tinting of all of our campus windows, enabling us to remove our very old and dilapidated blinds while maintaining privacy and security. Work is to commence in late June.
- As required under our Act, all new membership applications must be formally approved by the Committee. We do this monthly. At the April meeting all 32 new membership applications were approved.

Membership

Our current membership stands at 1,640.

Steve Wilson

Use of cushions

Infection control

To help reduce the risk of infection, campus cushions should not be shared. As we get older, our bodies can become more vulnerable to illness and infection.



Best Practice

Please bring your own cushion whenever possible to help minimise this risk.

Please note

The cushions located in the campus library are for use within the library only and must not be taken to other rooms.

WHS Coordinator and Management Committee

From the Course Coordination Team

We are happy to welcome Cheryl Verdon to the Course Coordination Team. Cheryl will be volunteering on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to support members at the front next to the registration desk.

Diary dates

Monday 4 May: Labour Day Holiday, *Campus Closed*

Friday 26 June: Term 2 finishes

Term 2, 2026

Term 2 has now commenced and is already proving to be a busy and productive period. While enjoying Term 2, we are also busy behind the scenes preparing an exciting program for Term 3.

Reminders

As a new term commences, members are reminded that

- a. your U3A membership badge must be worn whilst you are on campus.
In case of an emergency, we need to be able to identify members immediately.
- b. except for water in disposable cups or water bottles, no food or drink must be taken into classrooms.
- c. members are reminded that if they have not turned up to classes regularly, after three weeks their names will be removed from the class lists, so that members on waiting lists have a chance to be placed in classes.
- d. to ensure attendance records are managed correctly, members are asked not to log absences on the online platform, Member Wizard, and
- e. if you need to advise an absence, please speak with the Course Coordination Team member at the front next to the registration desk, or email coursesandtutors.redcliffe@gmail.com

Long Period of Absences

A long-term absence is one where a member is absent from a course for more than two classes.

Members who are absent for an entire term will be withdrawn from the class to accommodate waiting-list demands. Exceptions may be considered for medical reasons, subject to approval by the Course Coordination Team.

Members who fail to attend the first three classes of a course and have not advised the Course Coordination Team of an absence due to sickness, holidays, etc., will be removed from that course. This will occur whether the payment is by voucher or by prepayment.

Course waiting lists

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

We occasionally receive concerns or feedback about the Course Coordination Team processes. As a volunteer team managing a large number of courses, members, and tutors, we ask for your support and patience while we work through each matter. We ask that all communication remain respectful.

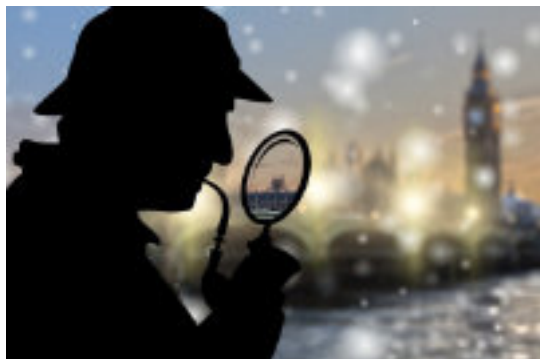
Course Coordination Team

Petra Lyons, Russell Hopkins, Steve McGahey, Teresa Dugic, and Cheryl Verdon

What's happening on campus

With Term 2 now underway there is a lot going on on campus.

Thank you to all the members who have shared their photos.



The Mysterious Case of the Curious Objects

Calling all detectives, put on your deerstalker and reach for your magnifying glass!

Embedded in the Term 2 slide show is another quiz. The lovely people from the Antiques and Collectables group have provided 10 curious items along with questions. Answer forms are available near the

suggestion box. The first person to get them all right gets an honourable mention in this communiqué. Elementary my dear Watson!

Beautiful photobooks

Some members of the Term 1 Photobook Class met with their published books.

They had created beautiful and professional-looking books in a range of personal topics.



10 Year Membership

Lynne Padget from Singing with Gusto presented Diana Drew with her 10 year certificate.

Drawing class

Marianne Prell tutors the drawing component of the Thursday afternoon Drawing and Painting class. There is certainly no lack of talent among the members.



Technology news

U3A Redcliffe offers a variety of courses aimed at helping members acquire computer skills, from basics for beginners to more advanced classes on specific software applications.

As part of our commitment to helping members understand what is going on in cyberspace, and the resources that are available to help us safely enjoy our online lives, our IT guru, Ruth Northcott, will be providing relevant and interesting information.

For this edition of *Campus Communiqué* Ruth draws attention to the work being done by eSafety, the Office of the eSafety Commissioner.

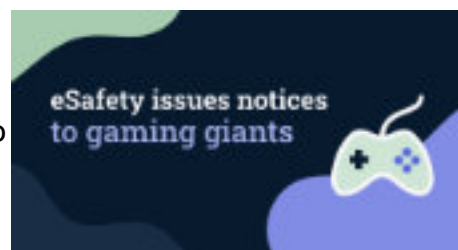


The latest edition of their newsletter, *eSafety News*, includes articles on *See how eSafety is addressing grooming and radicalisation in online gaming*, *Spotting tech-based coercive control in domestic & family violence*, and *Parental Controls and keeping your child safe*.

The following is an extract from the article on how eSafety is addressing grooming and radicalisation in online gaming.

‘eSafety asks gaming giants what they are doing to prevent grooming and radicalisation

‘eSafety has issued legally enforceable transparency notices to Roblox, Minecraft, Fortnite and Steam asking how they protect children from harms such as grooming, cyberbullying, online hate, radicalisation, and the use of gaming platforms to distribute terrorist or violent extremist content.



‘Gaming platforms are some of the most popular online spaces for Australian children. These are spaces where children play games, chat and make friends. eSafety’s research found 89% of children surveyed had played online games in the year prior to the study, with most gamers (66%) playing for more than 6 hours per week.

‘eSafety will publish reports based on the notices to provide information to the public about safety risks and steps that can be taken to reduce them. These reports encourage tech companies to build safety into their products from the start, helping to prevent harm before it happens.

‘The goal is to make sure everyone, especially children, can enjoy the benefits of gaming platforms without being exposed to avoidable harms. ...’

[Click here to read the full article](#)

If you are interested, you can [follow this link to sign up to receive eSafety News](#).





Position vacant: Social Events Coordinator

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.

[Click here to download the Social Events Coordinator Position Description:](#)

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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