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# Campus Communiqué

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## Diary dates

26 June: End Term 1

13 July: Start Term 3

10 July: Volunteers Luncheon

10 August: Show Day

2 July: General Meeting

5 October: King's Birthday

## From the President



One of the ongoing challenges for any U3A is managing class waiting lists fairly and equitably. While it can be disappointing to miss out on a course you would like to attend, waiting lists are a reality not only within U3A, but throughout our wider community.

Fairness, equity and access to learning opportunities are important principles for all U3As. Wherever possible, we aim to provide members with reasonable access to classes while balancing the practical limitations that exist within a volunteer-run organisation.

Some classes naturally require previous learning or experience.

Language and music groups are good examples, as many operate at different levels of ability. Over time, some advanced groups become stable and established, making it difficult for new members to join unless they already have the required background knowledge or a vacancy becomes available.

Other classes attract waiting lists simply because they are especially popular and engaging topics. Physical activity classes are also highly sought after because they are affordable, enjoyable and specifically designed for our age group and abilities.

Class sizes are often limited by the available room space, safety considerations, equipment requirements and, importantly, the availability of volunteer tutors willing to share their knowledge and time. Expanding classes is not always possible, even when demand is high.

Waiting lists are something we encounter throughout life. We may wait for a doctor's appointment, specialist service, travel booking or entry into a traditional university course. In much the same way, U3A classes sometimes reach capacity.

We appreciate members' patience and understanding when classes fill quickly. Our tutors and coordinators work hard to provide as many opportunities as possible, and waiting lists also help identify areas where additional classes or tutors may be needed in the future.

Most importantly, U3A continues to thrive because of the goodwill, cooperation and shared learning spirit of its members and volunteers.

*Di Pelin*

## From the Secretary



Last week the May management committee meeting was held, and there were a number of outcomes which may be of interest to members.

### Changes to the Constitution

Although some changes to the Constitution were approved by members at our AGM in March, the Committee has since conducted a thorough review of the Constitution and identified further changes which it believes will improve the document and the management of the organisation. These include:

addressing various internal inconsistencies remaining within the Constitution  
deleting the rule relating to the Common Seal, which is no longer legally required, and  
updating the rule on the payment of accounts and reimbursements.

A full outline of the proposed changes will be presented to members in advance of a General Meeting which will be held at 10 am on Thursday July 2nd, during the next term break, where the proposed changes will be discussed and voted upon.

### Library Borrowing Cards

Following a suggestion from a member which was left in the Suggestion Box and tabled at the committee meeting, a change will be made to the way in which library borrowing cards are completed by members. Sharyn, our wonderful Librarian, outlines the change elsewhere in the newsletter.

### New Members

The Committee approved all 39 new applications for membership tabled at the May meeting. This brought our current total number of members to 1,660.

*Steve Wilson*

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### Clever crocheters

If you are on campus on a Friday afternoon you will hear the sound of laughter coming from Room 2, where Annette Kitzelmann's Crochet class are hard at work. These members are certainly a talented and creative group.



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## Library news

Hello Fellow Members

There are a few items re Library I want to share.

First of all, thanks to all who have been perusing and borrowing from the two displays this year. The aim of the displays is to showcase the fabulous resources contained in our main library. Borrowing them is great but it your awareness of what is there is just as important.

There has been another change to borrowing . The borrowing card now will have your member number on the card **not** your mobile. Ignore the mobile number heading on the card and write your member number. Over time the cards will be changed. This is a response to more privacy for members when borrowing a resource.

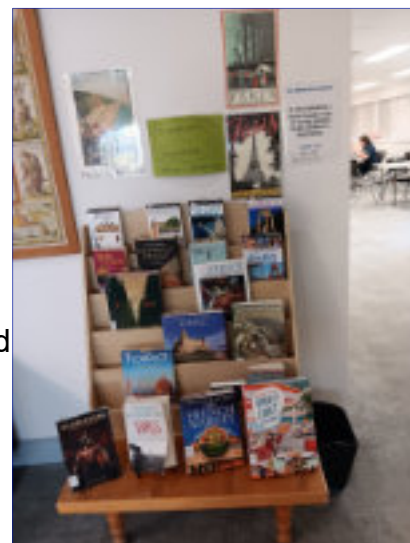
Many thanks to those who are returning books after the month borrowing time is up.

Queensland Day is 6 June. I have searched my shelves to display all we have on Queensland. Take the time to check out this new display.

Happy reading.

*Sharyn Reggars*

Librarian



## From the Editor

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has contributed information and photos of their classes. Not all are in this issue but I can assure you they will be used as space allows.

### Library display

Have you seen the book displays our wonderful Librarian, Sharyn Reggars, curates? She certainly is doing a great job, making displays that are both interesting and attractive. Thank you Sharyn.

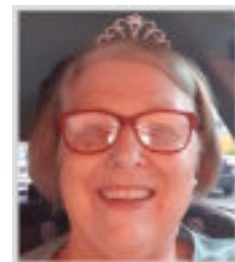
Also, please do not miss Sharyn's article with information about a change to the library cards and her plans for the display she is organising for next month.

### Email addresses

I'm sorry, but I have a grumble. Recently I have received emails sent to my email address, [editor@u3aredcliffe.org.au](mailto:editor@u3aredcliffe.org.au), from members asking me to do notifying tutors about absences and with questions about particular classes. I'm afraid I am not the right person for these sorts of things. General enquiries can be made at the office: 3284 2687 or [u3a@u3aredcliffe.org.au](mailto:u3a@u3aredcliffe.org.au).

Please, before sending an email to U3A check you have the right address.

*Jennifer Booth*



## Class activities



### Sketching en plein air

A chilly wind did not stop the Thursday afternoon sketchers who enjoyed a class en plein air at Settlement Cove.

### Thursday Tai Chi

Here we are learning tai chi in our Thursday class. We try to ensure that our class is enjoyable, friendly and inclusive. Afterwards, some of us continue on down to The Jetty Lounge for coffee and a chat.

*Christine Rutten*



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)

## Boomerang Bags: Help wanted

Our skilled sewists who make the beautiful, and useful, Boomerang Bags re looking for someone who can service their sewing machines.

Payment will be made in free Boomerang Bags.

If you can help, please contact [Rose Murphy](#).

### Jerry's Jests



- Hugh Hefner became a multi millionaire living in his pyjamas. I am not having the same results!!!
- What do you call someone who enjoys Mondays? Retired!
- Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind getting older, then it really doesn't matter.

### Fake Crypto Trading Platforms

Scamwatch has issued a joint warning from the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) and the National Anti-Scam Centre (NASC).

#### **What's happening**

Scammers are promoting fake crypto asset trading platforms to people who have joined 'share trading' or 'stock tips' message groups. These platforms look real and show profits and trades, but in fact, there is no real trading, and the site contains fake data. Any money deposited into these platforms goes to the scammers.

The platforms then ask for fees to release assets. These fees also go straight to the scammers and no assets are released.

Scammers initially target victims through social media ads and posts claiming to offer trading tips on equities. Victims are then invited to messaging apps promising to share recommendations from well-known figures or experts, who the scammers impersonate.

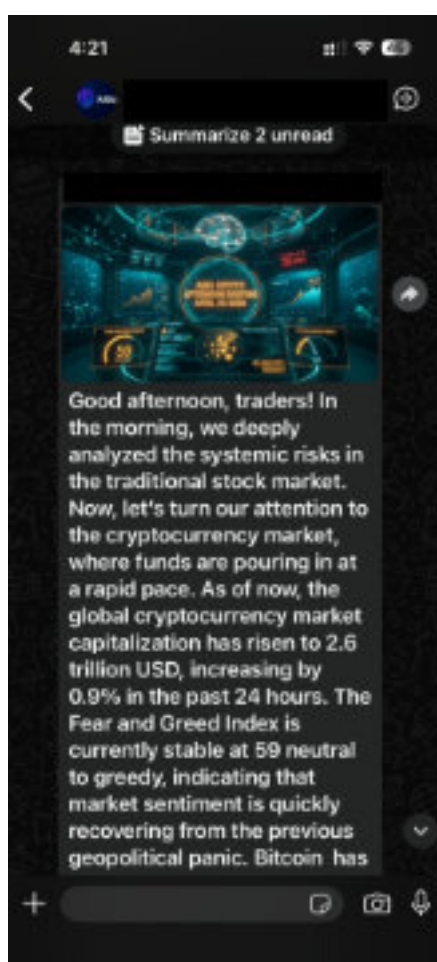
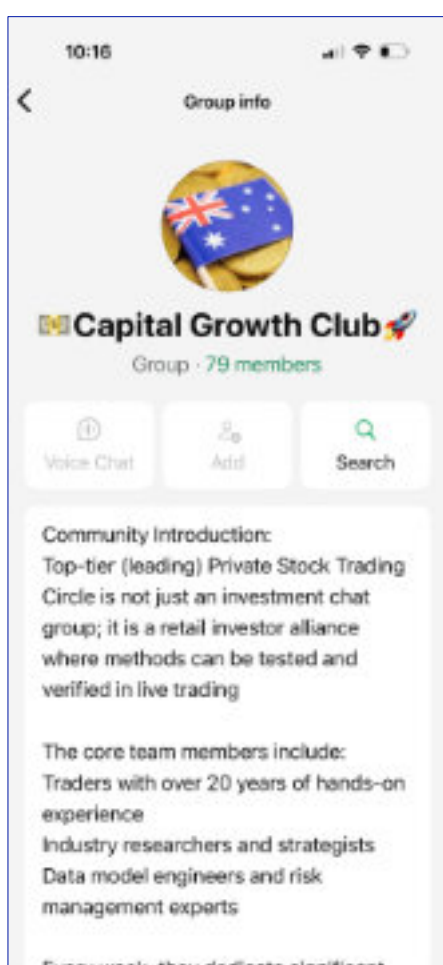
#### **Who's at risk**

Anyone can be targeted, even if you're experienced with investing.

You may be at greater risk if you've joined investment or stock tips groups, follow self-proclaimed trading 'gurus' online, or are looking for quick returns.

#### **What it looks like**

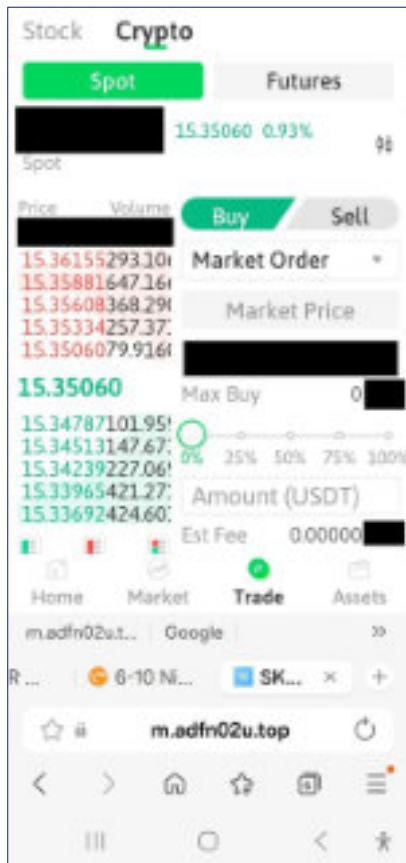
Examples of scam group messages



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Example of a scam trading platform:



### Warning signs to look out for

- Invites to 'stock tips' or 'investment advice' groups on WhatsApp, Telegram, or other messaging apps.
- Any virtual asset service provider (crypto trading platform) that isn't listed on AUSTRAC's publicly searchable register.
- Pressure to act quickly or deposit funds to 'secure' returns.
- Guaranteed profits or unusually consistent or high returns.
- Requests for extra fees to withdraw your money.

### **Protect yourself from scams by:**

**STOP.** Don't give personal information or act on investment advice you have come across on social media or messaging apps. Don't feel pressured to invest. If you have any doubts, stop communicating with them.

**CHECK.** Check the AUSTRAC register to confirm if the entity is a registered [virtual asset service provider](#). Do an internet search to see if there are warnings about the website or platform.

**PROTECT.** If you've given any personal information to someone you suspect is a scammer, act quickly. See more about [what to do if you've been scammed and what steps you can follow](#).

To report scams and find more info go to [Scamwatch.gov.au](https://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

### **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

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