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Diary dates

26 June: end Term 3	1 July: Trivia 10:00 am	2 July: General Meeting 10:00 am
10 July Volunteers Luncheon	13 July: Start Term 3	13 August: Show Day
5 October: King's Birthday		

From the President



Term Break is coming up 26 June 2026.

It is hard to believe that we are already heading towards the end of another term.

That does not mean that all activity ceases to happen.

Some dates and activity during term break commencing 29 June 2026.

- Tuesday 30 June: 9:00 am—12:00 midday: Campus open for class enrolments
- Wednesday 1 July 9:00 am—12:00 midday: Campus open for class

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- Wednesday 1 July 10:00 am: Trivia. Registration now open
- Thursday 2 July 10:00 am: General Meeting for Constitutional changes
- Friday 10 July: Volunteers lunch.

Please note that Campus is only open in Week 1 for enrolments.

In the background, our Treasurer has organised for the removal of our old blinds and the windows to be tinted, and no, outsiders won't be able to see in except at night time.

A Little Understanding Goes a Long Way

U3A is built on the generosity, commitment and goodwill of volunteers. From tutors and office volunteers to committee members and office bearers, people give their time and energy to help create the learning community we all enjoy.

Like any organisation run by volunteers, we do not always get everything right. Mistakes can happen, communication can sometimes be imperfect, and balancing the needs of a large and diverse membership can be challenging. However, every decision and every task is undertaken with the aim of supporting our members and keeping the organisation running smoothly.

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Our volunteers work hard, often behind the scenes, and do their best with the resources and time available to them. A little patience, understanding and kindness can go a long way in helping maintain the positive and welcoming spirit that makes U3A such a special community.

Thank you to all who contribute, support one another, and help make U3A a place where learning, friendship and respect continue to thrive.

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From the Secretary



The Suggestion Box

We are receiving quite a few suggestions from members each month, and they are all good suggestions.

The Committee does formally consider each one of these suggestions at its monthly meeting, and its decision on each one is communicated back to the member who submitted it.

While not every idea is supported, please keep them coming. Good ideas are always welcome, and they can come from any member!

The Suggestion Box is located on the wall opposite our borrowing library.

General Meeting on Thursday 2 July

This is an important meeting during the next term break at which members will get a chance to discuss and vote on a number of suggested changes to our Constitution.

The precise details of these changes will be emailed out to members next week and will also be posted on the campus noticeboard.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 am, with our campus doors opening at 9:30 am.

Please attend if you can and participate in this important process.

Steve Wilson

From the Course Coordination Team

Exciting changes ahead

The Course Coordination Team has decided to make some changes to what you all know as the *Course Handbook*. These changes are being made in order to better time manage the preparation for each term.

The following will take place:-

- A new publication called the *Procedures Handbook* will be distributed to all members on Monday 22 June. This document will contain our term calendar, protocols and procedures,

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membership details, course fees, enrolment details, absences from classes procedures, social events and library details.

- The *Course Handbook* will be distributed on Monday 29 June. It will, for the first time, be generated by our database (Member Wizard) and will only contain course information.

New and Returning Courses for Term 3

- Beginners Computer
- German for Travellers
- Guitar Trek
- Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
- Introduction to First Aid
- Introduction to Photobooks
- Knit a Chook
- Napoleonic Warfare
- Presence and Listening
- Science and Technology
- The First Australians
- The Irish Famine: The Potato Was NOT The Culprit
- The Pursuit of Happiness

Members will be able to enrol in these courses from Monday 29 June.

Existing courses continuing in Term 3 and prepayments

Students continuing current courses in Term 3 will be emailed during the week of 15—19 June, giving you all the opportunity to prepay for your course/s for the full term. This will occur a week earlier than in past terms.

Thank you everyone

Thank you to all of our tutors and members for a great term so far. We hope that you all have enjoyed the U3A learning experience, have continued existing friendships and even made new friends.

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



U3A Redcliffe
wishes all our members
celebrating their birthdays in June
a Very Happy Birthday

Library news

Good Morning Fellow U3A Members

Today I am highlighting the Jigsaw Puzzle cupboard and display.

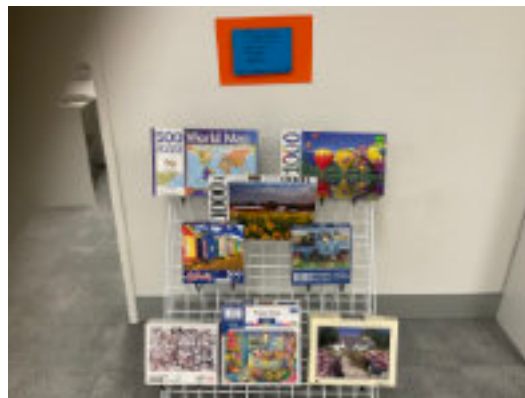
Many thanks for the Jigsaw donations and it is wonderful to have a special cupboard for them beside the ongoing jigsaw. I have also put a display outside the Library to highlight some of them.

These jigsaws are for borrowing, enjoying, and returning to the jigsaws cupboard.

Lots of fun ahead.

Sharyn Reggars

Librarian



Singing With Gusto

It was a fun day 'move 'em on, head 'em up Rawhide for our Country & Western themed day.

Many thanks to our line dancers and musicians who entertained us too. We had a special treat when Chad Morgan popped in.



Courses and presentations from *Be Connected*

This month, *Be Connected* has a new video course on [myGov app](#), where you can learn how to access and manage your government services from your smartphone or tablet.

There are also live online presentations to help you [protect your personal information](#) (16 June), and [stay safe from scams](#).

Another area of interest to many members are their [travel](#) and [entertainment](#) apps courses.

Annual Volunteers Luncheon

Friday 10 July 2026

Are you a volunteer with Redcliffe U3A?

If so, you are invited to the Annual Volunteers Luncheon, a function for all the volunteers who have contributed effort, time and commitment to the organisation during the last year.

Have you collected your invitation from the U3A Office?

Have you responded to the invitation with your acceptance or apology?

If it is Yes to both of these questions thank you so much.

If it is No, please do so as soon as possible. Final numbers must be confirmed with the caterers next week.

This luncheon is provided by the Management Committee in appreciation of the dedication of our volunteers. Without them, there would be no U3A.

What is happening in your classes?

With so many classes and so many members, you can help others understand what you do at U3A Redcliffe. Please send a brief story and some pictures to editor@u3aredcliffe.org.au.

Gertie's Giggles



- There is nothing like Tomato soup to soothe the soul, even when it's cold over ice with a celery stalk andVODKA.
- You want to know how to frighten the new generation? Just put them in a room with a landline phone, an analog watch, a tv with no remote, and instructions written in cursive writing.
- Money cannot buy happiness, but it's far more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than on a bicycle.



Dan Stalker has again agreed to run the term break trivia morning on Wednesday 01 July, commencing at 10:00am in the Margaret Ball Rooms at U3A campus. If you wish, form a table of four with a catchy team name. Or, register yourself and you will be placed in a group of four.

Register and pay at the U3A office as usual.

The cost is \$12.00 per person, payable by Friday 19 June.

Note:

- Payment must be made with booking.
- There will be no waitlist.
- No "walk-ins" on the day accepted.

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.

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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