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Campus Communiqué

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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 2 has come to an end and we are already thinking about what classes we can attend.

Please remember there is not necessarily a space available in all classes.

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

Monday 29 June: Release of Term 3 Course Handbook

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 enrolments

Wednesday 1st July 10am – Trivia – Registration now open

Thursday 2 July 10:00 am: General Meeting for changes to our Constitution

Friday 10 July: Volunteers lunch

Please note: The Campus Office will be open in **Week 1 only** for enrolments.

Supporting a Positive Campus Environment

The Management Committee would like to sincerely thank those members who have, either verbally or in writing, expressed their support for our efforts to reduce the impact of inappropriate behaviour on campus. Our goal is to provide a relaxed, safe and welcoming environment where all members can enjoy learning, socialising and participating in U3A activities.

Competition – Design a New ‘Welcome to Redcliffe U3A’ Sign

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance our campus, we are exploring ways to showcase more artwork created by Redcliffe U3A members. This does **not** mean that donated items will be removed from the campus; rather, some may be relocated to alternative wall spaces.

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A key part of this project is the creation of a large '**Welcome to Redcliffe U3A**' artwork to be displayed in the foyer, above the couch where the current world map is located.

We have been generously donated a **2m x 2m sheet of signage plastic** for this purpose, although designs using alternative materials will also be considered.

Design Brief

Your design should incorporate:

- 'Welcome to Redcliffe U3A'
- The Redcliffe U3A logo
- The words or representation of our motto: Learn, Laugh and Live
- A symbol that reflects the Redcliffe Peninsula (for example, the Jetty)
- Space at the bottom for interchangeable or detachable notices, such as:
 - Annual Fees Due
 - Upcoming Social Events
 - Important Member Information

Entries may be submitted by:

- An individual member
- A group of members
- A U3A class

Prize

The winning design will receive a **\$100 prize**.

This is intended to be a community project rather than an overnight task, so we are aiming for completion by the **end of Term 3**. Once a design has been selected, the final production and installation will be completed professionally.

We look forward to seeing the creativity and talent of our members on display.

This version keeps the friendly community tone while improving flow, clarity and presentation for a newsletter audience.

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Reminder of General Meeting 2 July 2026

A General Meeting of members U3A Redcliffe Inc. will be held on campus at 10:00 am on Thursday 2 July. All interested members are welcome to attend.

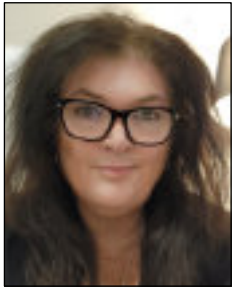
The purpose of the meeting is to consider and vote upon recommended changes to our Association's Constitution, following a thorough review of the Constitution by our Management Committee in May 2026.

If attending, please remember to bring your membership badge as your proof of membership. Only financial members are entitled to attend or vote.

Doors to the campus will be opened at 9.30am. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided following the meeting.

Steve Wilson
Secretary

From the WHS Officer



ID Badges

A quick reminder for everyone to wear their ID badge while on campus and to check in for class. The volunteers at the desk really appreciate being able to see



your name badge rather than issuing a white sticker, and it's a great help to them. Wearing your badge is also part of our U3A policy, as well it is for your safety in the event of an Emergency.

Thanks everyone for helping keep things running smoothly and your cooperation and support.

Attention: Hot drinks



No hot drinks at all to be taken in the classrooms: **only** water bottles or cups of water.

If you spill anything on the carpet tiles please clean it up and **let the office know** so they can notify the appropriate department for a follow up. As getting a carpet cleaning company is costly, we try to streamline and do our best, and keeping hot drinks to the kitchen areas.



There are signs on each room door as to our procedures to what drinks can be taken into classroom. Please have a read.

Thank you.

Elle Frawley and U3A Management Committee

Jerry's Jests



- You know you are getting old when a recliner and a heating pad is your idea of a hot date!!!
- Childhood: the time of life when you make funny faces to the mirror Middle age: the time of life when the mirror gets even
- Just beware these millennials will come to visit you in hospital and unplug your life support to recharge their phone.

From the Secretary



At the recent management committee meeting held on June 18 the matters discussed included:

The General Meeting, 2 July

Each member has now received the details of the Notice of Meeting, which outlined details of the proposed changes to our Constitution, which will be put to this meeting. The meeting begins at 10:00 am with the doors opening at 9:30. We require a minimum attendance of 23 financial members for the meeting to be quorate, so please come if you can. If you are attending, please bring your badge as proof of membership. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our Ladies and Gents toilets are sometimes confusing!

It has apparently been the case over the past few weeks that several embarrassed gentlemen have inadvertently found themselves in the Ladies toilets. It has been suggested that we add the words 'Ladies' and 'Gents' on the toilet doors to minimise confusion (the doors currently have male and female graphics on the doors, but not the words).

Unfortunately, these matters are controlled by Council which has policies governing them. Apparently the graphics are the internationally accepted means of labelling toilets, and Council will not allow additional words to be placed on the doors. Please just use extra care, and concentration, before selecting which toilet door to walk through!

Additional class expenses

The Committee has been made aware of one class in Term 2 where an additional cost was charged for the purchase of materials, but where this had not been advised to members beforehand. We do try to ensure that all such charges are clearly outlined in the Course Handbook, thereby ensuring that members are fully aware of all costs. Unfortunately this one class appears to have slipped through.

Could each tutor please ensure that all costs and expectations associated with your course are fully outlined in the Course Handbook. Our members should be aware of all the facts relating to a course before they select which ones to enrol in.

New members

The Committee approved all 25 new applications for membership considered at its June meeting.

This took our total membership to 1,686.

Steve Wilson

In Memoriam

Much loved Lanie Keuker passed away on Monday 15 June. She was a Qui Gong teacher at U3A for many years and will be sadly missed by her many friends and loved ones.

Julie Carlin

From the Course Coordination Team

As Term 2 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 3.

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

Term 3 new and returning courses

Some of these include:

- Japanese Intermediate
- Beginning Computers
- Science and Technology
- First Aid
- Introduction to Photobooks
- Guitar Trek
- Napoleonic history
- Knit a Chook
- The Pursuit of Happiness
- The Irish Famine
- Take your Pick (Guitar)
- German for Travellers

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.

Timeline of important dates

29 June 2026: Course Handbook released, which will be emailed to you on Monday morning and online enrolment commence at 2 pm

30 June 2026: Enrolment Day: Office open 9:00 am—1:00 pm for class enrolments and prepayment

1 July 2026: Enrolment Day: Office open 9:00 am—1:00 pm for class enrolments and prepayment

10 July 2026: Prepayment for courses closes

13 July 2026: Term 3 courses commence

Class absences (Important notice)

Please enter all Term 3 absences into Member Wizard by Saturday, the 11th of July 2026, before attendance sheets are printed. After this date, you will need to notify the Course Coordination Team of your absence. You can send an email to coursesandtutors@u3aredcliffe.org.au or discuss with the Course Coordination team at the Front Desk, Monday to Thursday, am.

We wish everyone a safe, happy, and relaxing break and look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Course Coordination Team

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

Changes for some messages you receive

Telstra has provided the following advice about SMS and MMS messages. Other service providers are also required to make these changes.

The Australian Government requires telcos to make changes to SMS and MMS sender names or how Sender IDs will be displayed from 1 July.

What's a Sender ID?

A Sender ID is the from name of a message sender, often a business name, that's displayed at the top of text messages to show you who the message is from. For example, any messages you receive from Telstra will display the Sender ID 'Telstra' or 'TelstraPlus' depending on what the message is about.

You might start seeing 'Unverified' texts, here's why.

In order to prevent fraudsters mimicking legitimate businesses, the Australian Government, through the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), requires all senders who use a Sender ID for SMS or MMS to register it by 1 July.

From 1 July, Telstra and all other telcos will check if Sender IDs are registered. If they're not, their SMS or MMS will be delivered from the name 'Unverified'. An 'Unverified' message might mean the sender is not legitimate, so it's a good idea to stay alert for potential scam or fraudulent messages.

To learn more about what a 'Sender ID' is and how these changes will impact you, visit the Telstra website.

[Learn More from the Telstra website](#)

What's next?

This change will automatically take effect and there's nothing you need to do. If you're interested in finding out more about how to spot and report scams, take a look at Telstra's [scam advice](#).

Advice from Scamwatch

With the end of the financial year looming, *Scamwatch* has issued the following advice:

Be aware of Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and 'myGov' impersonation scams

19 June 2026

With tax time 2026 fast approaching, Scamwatch and the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) are reminding Australians to be aware of communications claiming to be from the ATO or 'myGov'.

Scammers make phone calls, send fake emails, texts, or messages, and even create fake websites that look like the real thing but they're not.

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They create a sense of urgency to manipulate you into clicking links to fake websites or to download harmful attachments. They may also send messages urging you to call a phone number that connects you to the scammer.

Criminals design these communications to look real, using official logos, branding, and language to deceive people. The scammers may then use your stolen personal information, including your myGov sign in details, to commit fraud in your name.

Who's at risk

All Australians (including those who are not required to lodge a tax return).

What this may look like

An example of an ATO / 'myGov' impersonation scam email.

Above is an example of an ATO / 'myGov' impersonation scam email.

Visit the Australian Taxation Office website for more information on how to protect your personal information and stay safe from these scammers.



Warning signs to look out for

- Unexpected requests for personal or financial information, especially if they include a sense of urgency.
 - An unsolicited message with a link that claims to be from the ATO. The ATO will never do this.
- The email or text includes a link that wants you to sign into your myGov account.
- The email's sender details do not match the legitimate government agency and do not end in '.gov.au'.

Protect yourself from tax time scams

- **STOP.** Don't rush. Don't click links in unexpected messages or share passwords, one-time codes, or financial information.
- **CHECK.** Contact the Australian Taxation Office using the official app or website or call 1800 008 540 to check if the contact is real.
- **PROTECT.** If you shared money or personal information with a scammer, act quickly. Contact the ATO on 1800 008 540 to help protect your ATO accounts. Visit Scamwatch to learn more about what to do if you've been scammed.

How to check whether information is AI

The rise of Artificial Intelligence can make it hard to identify whether something you read or see is genuine or 'fake news'.

The Australian Associated Press FactCheck website provides information about how to identify AI-based visual disinformation. Unfortunately the article is too long to include in this newsletter.

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

Class news

What on Earth Discussion Group

We are a very social mixed group who like to discuss anything and everything with decorum and understanding of other's feelings in the group.

It is a forum where our opinions are heard and accepted with group members putting their opinion on that subject as well. We all learn something each week with this group which is very important at our stage of life to be involved in what is happening in the WORLD today.

Our Tutor is Trevor Howden who is very theatrical and belongs to the Mousetrap Theatre as well and assisted by Lenore Mc Donald who each week breaks up any tension with a funny joke.

Some of us go for coffee afterwards at Banjo's and carry on which is good fun.

U3A is a very special place and our kitchen area is always buzzing with happy motivated people PLUS our Volunteers keep us all going with their time and energy for which we are VERY THANKFUL; without their efforts we wouldn't have this amazing place to spend our time.

I love telling my grandchildren that I attend a University of Learning for Seniors!!!

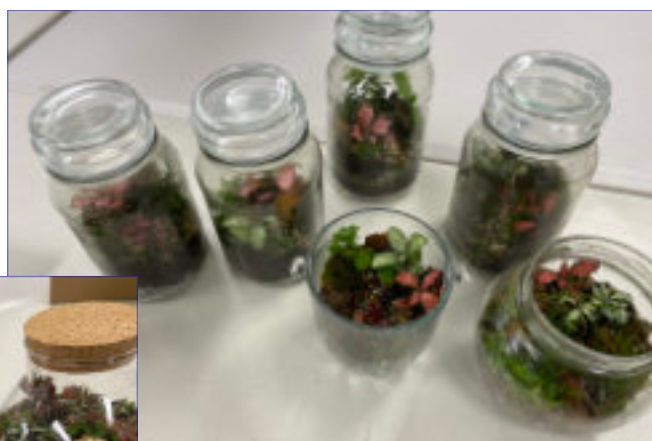


Lenore Woolich

Floristry class

Our course is going strong. Session 3 we explored Native Australian Flowers and session 4 saw us having fun creating living plant Terrariums using glass jars with moss, fittonias, selaginella, bark, Australian gemstone rocks and tiny stones.

Debrah Malone



Writing for Pleasure 2

Members of *Writing for Pleasure 2* celebrated the end of a term full of great stories and friendship, with lunch at Café Diversity.



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.

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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