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Campus Communiqué

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Diary dates

8 September: Term 4 Procedures Handbook emailed	15 September: Term 4 Course Handbook emailed
18 September: last day of Term 3	21 September: Online enrolment commences 2:00 pm
22 & 23 September: Enrolment for Term 4 9:00—12:00 noon	30 September: Community Connection Day
1 October: Prepayment for Term 4 ends	5 October: King's Birthday (public holiday)
6 October: Start of Term 4	24 October: Seniors Concert
11 December: End of Term 4	

From the Secretary



Successful Fire Evacuation

On the morning of Tuesday 18 August I happened to be filling in at the sign on desk when our building's fire alarm started up, and a 'Prepare to Evacuate!' message was broadcast. Less than one minute later, the 'Evacuate Now!' message was transmitted.

Less than two minutes later all of our members were out of the building, having evacuated by the correct exit doors and congregated on the grassed area out the front. It was a magnificent effort, and thanks to all of our Tuesday morning class attendees and our office-volunteer fire wardens on that day for handling it so well. Once the Fire Brigade attended it turned out to be a false alarm, but that is beside the point. Well done all!

Member Suggestions

At the August management committee meeting a number of suggestions from members, left in our suggestion box, were considered. Below are some of them, and the Committee feedback that has resulted. Please continue to submit suggestions that you think will improve our organisation. The suggestions the Committee considered were that:

We should have magnetic strips on our membership badges

This isn't a bad idea, but the cost and volunteer time it would take to achieve this transition across almost 1800 badges was felt to be unreasonable. The Committee noted that some

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individuals have already modified their badges by affixing a magnetic strip, and that is fine: that personal decision can be taken by any member.

We should supply biscuits in the kitchen

This is similar to other suggestions we have received in relation to providing specific types of tea and milk. The Committee reaffirmed that U3A Redcliffe happily provides the basics in tea, coffee, sugar and milk. However, any other foodstuffs a member wishes to bring onto campus, including their choice of biscuits, is a personal decision. There are of course fridges to store whatever foods members wish to bring onto campus.

Some of the popular classes are always full, and should not be rolled over at the end of the year

This is a really difficult issue, but was deemed to be worthy of follow-up. The Committee has organised a small sub-Committee to examine whether we can identify any strategies for improving member access into popular classes, and that group will meet next week to begin problem-solving.

We should put in a request for more disability parking

The Committee has already tried to lobby Council for more parking access, without success. We have come to the view that the best way forward is for individual members to write to Council independently with their suggestions for more parking. Multiple letters from members are likely to have more impact than another single letter from U3A Redcliffe.

Members should stop donating jigsaw puzzles with pieces missing

It is clear that coming to the end of a puzzle and finding pieces missing is frustrating for those who contribute to the puzzle.

The Committee agrees. Please, if you are donating a puzzle make sure it is a complete one, otherwise do not bring it in. And, if you find there is an incomplete puzzle in the cupboard, please put it back in its box and take it to the librarian (or the office if the librarian is not in attendance), who will arrange to dispose of the puzzle.

We should purchase wool for the communal knitting basket

Having considered this, the Committee felt that purchasing wool was not the original purpose of this social activity.

The activity relies on members donating or recycling wool from other sources, not buying new wool. If there is insufficient wool being provided, it could indicate a lack of interest in the activity by members.

So, this one is up to our knitters and other members—would you like this activity to continue? If so, please donate some wool!

Steve Wilson

From the Course Coordination Team

Welcome, Janet

Janet Luton has recently been appointed a member of the Course Coordination Team.

Please make Janet welcome, if you see her at the sign-on desk.

Roll-Over of Courses

During this week, courses continuing in term 4 have been rolled over. Members continuing in these courses have been 'rolled-over' as well. This process has allowed interested members to prepay for term 4 courses, if that is their wish.

New and/or Returning Courses

This list has now been finalised, as follows

- Remembering Facts
- The Hidden History of the Military
- The History of Country Music
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Introduction to Android Phones
- Rock 'N Roll Dance Basics
- Beyond the Manuscript
- Photography Beginners
- Intermediate Computer
- Cryptic Crosswords, - ABC for All, and
- You be the Judge; Justice on Trial.

Timeline of forthcoming events

- Tuesday 8 September: Term 4 Procedures Handbook is emailed to all members
- Tuesday 15 September: Term 4 Course Handbook is emailed to all members
- Friday 18 September: Last day of classes for term 3
- Monday 21 September: On-line enrolment to courses commences at 2:00 pm
- Tuesday 22 September: Enrolment for term 4 courses (9:00 am – 12:00 noon)
- Wednesday 23 September: Enrolment for term 4 courses (9:00 am – 12:00 noon)
- Thursday 1 October: Prepayment for term 4 courses concludes
- Monday 5 October: Public holiday - Kings Birthday
- Tuesday 6 October: Classes for term 4 commence

Long term absences during term 4

Long term absences for term 4 should be noted in the Member Portal by Wednesday 30 September. Instructions for doing this are included in the Procedures Handbook.

For members not wishing to note absences through the Member Portal, they can do so by coming to campus and giving the relevant information to a Course Coordination Team member at the sign-on desk.

Direct phone number to the Course Coordination Team

If members or tutors wish to talk to a member of the Course Coordination Team, please call on 0436 845 462. This number will be answered only during campus opening hours when a team member is present. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

We hope that you love U3A, love learning and love being together with like-minded people.

Course Coordination Team

Petra Lyons, Teresa Dugic, Janet Luton, Cheryl Verdon, Steve McGahey, Russell Hopkins



U3A Trivia

Brand New Format

Wednesday 23 September 2026
Margaret Ball Rooms 10:00am

Experience a new technological approach
to the Trivia for Redcliffe U3A

Dan Stalker will again challenge you

Register

- ★ either a table of four with a catchy team name or,
- ★ just you and we will join you up to form a table

Registration and payment at the U3A office

\$12.00 per person
payable by Wednesday 16 September

Note

Several prizes to be won

- ★ A light lunch is served after the game
- ★ Payment must be made with booking
- ★ No 'walk-ins' on the day accepted

Join us for a morning of fun

Happy Birthday!

Wishing all our members born in September a Very Happy Birthday
from all at U3A Redcliffe



Class activities

German Intermediate and Advanced

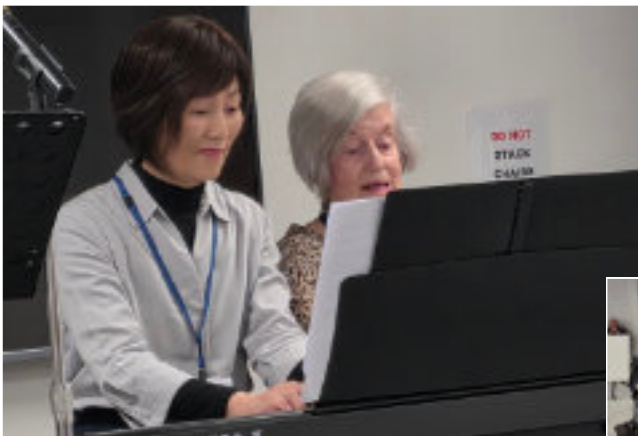
On 24 August a number of students from Beatrice Dyer von Wagenhof's two groups, German Intermediate and German Advanced, got together for a special German lunch.

They to Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve at Montville for a walk, then on to King Ludwig's Bavarian Restaurant at Maleny for a great lunch of German food, wine or beer, and good company.

The restaurant is well-decorated and traditional costumes are worn by the waitstaff. It was a bit showery, but had wonderful views out over the Glass House mountains.



Singing for Pleasure



Singing for pleasure is working on songs for our concert on Friday 18 September at 9:00am, being the last day of term 3. You are all cordially invited to attend. We would love to see you there. We are also working on songs for the Seniors Concert, which is on 24 October.



Knit a chook

Ann Chapman with Gladys: the first chook off the needles in the Knit a Chook class.



SENIORS CONCERT

October
24th

"SAVE THE DATE"

**NEW ACTS to
share their
musical talents
and some of our
favourites back
to entertain you
all**



Jerry's Jests



I was in Taree and saw a guy with only one thong on.
I said to him, 'Hey mate did you lose a thong'?
And he said, 'Nah mate, I found one.'

Whenever I fill out a form that asks for any
emergency contact I always put AMBULANCE,
because no one in my family is going to answer
a call from an unknown number!

Did you know that 14 muscles are used when opening
a bottle of wine? Yes, fitness is my passion!!!

(With sincere thanks to Lenore Woolich)

Community Connection Day and Morning Tea

Free event

Wednesday 30 September 2026

Topics and Presenters

• Dementia: Risks, symptoms and support

Age related memory changes: Early signs and symptoms of dementia
modifying risk and supporting a person living with dementia

Presenters

Sue Radecker

47 years nursing with focus on aged care, education and specialised dementia support

Linda Porter

Over 30 years working as a nurse specialising in dementia support, care and education

• Planning ahead: an act of care

Enduring Power of Attorney and Advance Health Directive

A simple step now can make a difficult time easier later

Presenter

Nieve Evans

Principal Lawyer, N.E Legal, Margate Beach

• Exercise physiology

Using education and individualized exercise to prevent and manage a broad range of
illness and injury

Presenter

Robbie Brokenshire

Exercise Physiologist, Prohealth, Dolphins Fitness and Aquatics. Kippa Ring

U3A Redcliffe

Doors Open 8:30am

9:00am—1:00pm

Registration is essential for this free event

(Registrations close 3:00pm, Friday 18 September)

Please register at the office,

or by phone 3284 2687

or email including your name and phone number u3a@u3aredcliffe.org.au

Technology news

myGov



Do you use the myGov app?

myGov is an app that lets you use on your mobile phone or tablet to connect with government services including Centrelink, Medicare, My Aged Care, and the taxation office.

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You can use myGov to receive notifications and letters. You can also use it to let agencies know if you change your personal details, such as your address if you move or your phone number if you change it.

You can also save your Medicare and Organ donor cards in myGov's secure wallet.

Getting started

You can download the myGov app from your device's official store, for example the Google Play Store on Android devices and the Apple App Store for iPhones and iPads.

To make sure you have the genuine app, always go to your device's official store to download apps.

Once you have downloaded the app, you will need to set up your account. If you need help doing this, *Be Connected* has a [video](#) and a [printable guide](#) with step-by-step instructions.



Medicare on myGov

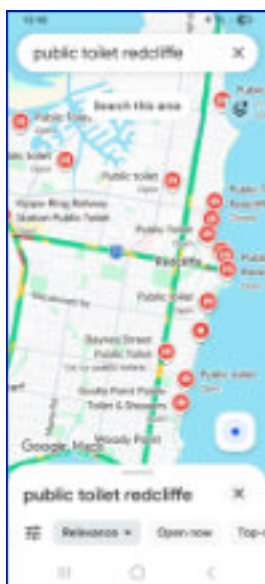
When you link your myGov and Medicare accounts, you can:

- submit medical claims
- track payments, and
- view your claims history

Again, *Be Connected* has a [video](#) and [printable guide](#) available with clear explanations and step-by-step instructions.

Be Connected is also the place to go to [learn how to make a Medicare claim using myGov.](#)

Finding a facility



As many of us know, as we age a time comes 'when you gotta go, you gotta go'. If you don't know the area you are in well, things can get somewhat embarrassing.

There are several free apps available through the Google and Apple app stores that provide searchable maps of public toilets all around Australia. However, there is one app I think most of us already have on our phones: Google maps.

Just pop 'public toilet near me' or 'public toilet near and the name of where you are' and it will show you where you can find a nearby facility.

Writers corner

A very big *thank you* to Irene Smith for sharing her memories of growing up in Redcliffe.

Redcliffe Through my Young Eyes

My thoughts have often wandered to the days that have gone by!!
When I went to a two room school at Deception Bay, a suburb, close by,
I made up Poems instead of Compositions.

Always had to go the extra mile and think outside the square.
Haha!!!! Challenge me if you dare!!

Redcliffe Peninsula has always been a Beautiful place. Back then, it was, but a lot slower pace.
Dad and Mum had a Golden Fleece 24-hour Service Station where Officeworks stands today!!
They always followed "The Free Five Point Plan"
They put in long hours and did their very best.
Dad was the Mechanic and Mum filled the tank,
The windscreen, checked the radiator and battery for water on request.



We used to hop in Mum's Vanguard and head to Redcliffe for our wares and spares. (car parts.)
Then, right on our doorstep they built a Big BP also called/ COR!!
Us kids called it "COR The Big Ugly Galah" 12
12 how dare they!!
It had a "Cafeteria" and all the Bells and Whistles!!!
Our Golden Fleece!!!
The Dad and Mum business was shattered, as Dad has lost his peace!!
Their business turned BAD!!
Competition was on the rise, for the small
business owner, it was very, very sad!!

My first job when I come of age was at a café
called "The Regent". Decimal currency had just been introduced, and lots of great times were
being spent. Pounds, shillings and pence were gone, replaced by Dollars and Cents.

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The Regent Café was a thriving business because the pub next door never served meals. Mr and Mrs Leadbetter, the owners, had a great menu, and crumbled lamb cutlets were one of their popular deals.

The Moreton Bay hotel and "The Ambassador plus others were only a watering hole which helped "The Regent thrive."

Plus, people from all over Brisbane enjoyed a seaside lunch on their Sunday drive.

We served a drink called "The Bloody Bodgie!"

Google says it didn't exist,

But was very popular, A glass of Coke, a dollop of ice cream and a hit of raspberry twist,

Definitely not an urban myth!

There was also a fun amusement place on the jetty. "Step up and play the machine it seemed to say. 🎵 🎵 🎵

As we strolled along and through the Penny Arcade.

Just ring a bell on the big bagatelle and let all the coloured lights cascade.

Yes!! They played and they played!!

Played all the time.

Come in and spend your last Dime.

Yes!!! The Bee Gees were there as well.

They were diving down into the water to collect any change that had fallen through the cracks.

As at that time they needed a lot,

And they didn't have a decent pair of Dacks (pants).

They used also to play their guitars and sing around Redcliffe all the time!!

They were asked to sing at the Speedway at the Redcliffe Showground.

Promoters, Bill Goode and Bill Gates gave them their name "The Bee Gees",

And the rest is history as the Amazing Careers was found.

We also had a Luna Park on the foreshore where settlement cove is today!!

We danced at CWA Record Hops, Margate Theatre building where we could put our Rock and Roll moves on Display!!

The Palace and Seabrae had a Great Floorshow.

Col Joy, Billy Thorpe, Tony Worsley, The Easy Beats, Jeff Phillips, Ross. D. Wyllie

As they definitely brought in the dough. 💰 💰 💰

John McSweeney entertained in Redcliffe and was a local artist from Woodford who won "Country Entertainer of the Year in Queensland 10 times before retiring to give others a go. 🥰

We had centre parking in the Main Street!!

The young guys used to line up and put on a show some nights.

With their customised cars that were beautiful and very hard to beat!!

They would have spent hours and hours of toil to get these cars just right.

Some had FJ Holdens fronts and others FB tail lights.

I admired these guys from long ago.

With the Customline, Minis, Zephyrs, Falcons etc etc.

Paint jobs that Shone, Seamless and Electra!!!

The drinking age was 21 years back then.

So maybe it was a godsend.

If so if that is what it was!!

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What Great Productive FUN these young men x BECAUSE!!
The Pier Theatre was situated in the middle of Redcliffe Parade,
And the Drive in on Elizabeth Ave Kipparing.
Was the perfect way to cuddle up with pillows and
cosy blankets and whatever we could bring.

The Rollerdomo was nostalgic symbol of Redcliffe's Vibrant Past.
Where Families pickniked, left of the jetty and
enjoyed the sea breezes while the kids could have a blast,

And can't leave out "The Hornibook"
The Rhythmic, Clunky Clunk, bouncy, Wild Amusement.
To the frustrated pregnant woman.
It was a great Form of Inducement!!!

It was, for us kids thrilling, wild and rough.
It only cost, one shilling and was, a fun filled chuff.

Remembering "The Old Scarborough Jetty
Where the fishermen used to unload their baskets.
And ferry down them down the boardwalk to the
Fish Board to be distributed to the local markets.

1968 the jetty, its shelf life had ended!!
A Break Water and Harbour was built
Reinvented And Extended!!!!
I left Redcliffe in the Seventies to marry and
always pined that one day I would be able to come back.
Years have passed, and this girl is back in town.
Always smiling and never a frown.
There is U3A GUSTO and "The CWA!!
Dancing and Singing to her favourite sound.
The RSL and Dolphins is the place to be !!!
Fortunato, Laura Doolan, Tommy Memphis and Toby Tyler!!
And much more to see



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While keeping me, Vertical and my Dialer with a Great Big Smiler 12

Love

Renie Smith

Writer and Reciter

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Do you have a story, poem or artwork you would like to share with U3A
Redcliffe members?

Please send your work to editor@u3aredcliffe.org.au.

Text should be submitted in a text-based format, such as Word, Apple
Pages, Writer, or similar.

Images should be in .jpg, .png, or other common graphic format.

From the Editor

Thank you to all the people who have sent in photos and stories. I have had several members tell me how much they enjoy seeing what's happening in other classes. Some have even told me they have found classes they would like to join. Please, keep up the good work.

Do you have an idea about how I can improve *Campus Communiqué*? Is there something you would like to see included on a regular basis? I'd love to hear from you. The only proviso is that contributions must relate to U3A and its activities; advertising and promotion of events outside U3A Redcliffe will not be accepted.

Drop me a line: editor@u3aredcliffe.org.au.

Jennifer Booth

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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.

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.

