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Diary dates

24 October: Seniors Concert

11 December: End of Term 4

From the President



It is already the end of the second week of term with the term break appearing to be a distant past memory.

Not to leave some events in past memory, we would like to thank Dan Stalker and his support Team Ray and Marilyn Chapman for hosting another Trivia event. This event challenges the mind, gets a laugh and fills one of those empty gaps when classes are not being held.

The first Community Connection Day to be held in some time was organised by Greg McGrath and attended by over 90 people. Many of these attendees were non-members. The day was a huge success discussing some of our age groups' most sensitive issues e.g. Dementia, Exercise and those all important documents we need at this stage of life to ensure our families are provided with guidelines for our end of life care. A beautiful morning tea was provided, organised by Elle Frawley and June Greenwood. Thank you to all involved – well done.

Fortunately, we still have the Seniors Concert to look forward to. Don't forget to buy your tickets and come along for some toe-tapping fun.

In the meantime, settle into the last term of the year and just enjoy your classes and your fellow members.

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From the Secretary



Nomination of members for U3A awards

As the year is drawing to a close members are invited to reflect upon the contributions made by our volunteers. Nominations are therefore now open to acknowledge any member you feel is worthy of receiving one of the following categories of award.

Nominations for each category of award are considered by the Management Committee in relation to the criteria outlined for each award.

Successful recipients will receive their awards at the 2027 Annual General Meeting in March.

Nominations for all awards close on Friday 4 December 2026.

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Life Membership

A Life Membership may be awarded to a member who, in the Committee's opinion, has made an outstanding and sustained voluntary contribution to U3A Redcliffe Inc. over a significant period of time.

Nominations must be in writing and must outline the nature of the contribution made by the nominated member. A nomination for Life Membership must be signed by two financial members.

Signed nominations should be placed in an envelope and addressed to The Secretary, and handed in across the office counter or placed in the ballot box opposite the borrowing library.

A list of Life Members can be found on our website as a sub-page under the Home tab.

Certificate of Appreciation

A Certificate of Appreciation may be awarded by the Committee to recognise a significant contribution a volunteer has made over a short period, or for a specific event or achievement.

Any member may nominate a member for a Certificate of Appreciation by submitting a written case to the Secretary. This can be handed in across the office counter or placed in the ballot box opposite the borrowing library.

Committee Motion of Thanks

The Management Committee may formally acknowledge individuals or groups for their contribution through a Committee Motion of Thanks, which is usually expressed to an individual by letter from the Secretary.

Members may suggest recipients for this award by submitting a written case to the Secretary. This can be handed in across the office counter or placed in the ballot box opposite the borrowing library.

Steve Wilson



Lenore's laughs

- One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.
- If your outgo exceeds your income, then your upkeep will be your downfall.
- Even rarer than a doctor who can't stand the sight of blood is a lawyer who can't stand the sight of money.
- My husband and I decided to never go to bed angry. We've been awake since Tuesday.

From the Course Coordination Team

Term 4

We have just completed the first fortnight of classes for term 4.

The Course Coordination Team members hope that you are enjoying the courses that you have selected and that you gain insight and knowledge.

After the conclusion of Week 3

Members are reminded that after the conclusion of week 3 (from 26 October), those members who have not attended their chosen course, and have not let us know of any absences, will be sent an email informing them of their removal from that course.

By doing this, we are then able to enrol waiting list members.

Waiting lists

Please be aware that our waiting lists will be wiped off at the end of this term.

You have to let us know, in the new year, if you still want to be on a waiting list for any course.

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, Janet Luton, Cheryl Verdon, Steve McGahey, and Russell Hopkins,

Position vacant: Social Events Coordinator!



Do you love bringing people together?

U3A is looking for an enthusiastic Social Events Coordinator to lead our social outings and events.

You'll have the support of an experienced backup team—you just need to enjoy organising, coordinating, and helping our members connect and have fun.

Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

Please contact us to find out more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity.

Applications can be in writing via email to u3a@u3aredcliffe.org.au or come in for a chat.

Please contact Barbara Cooper at the office: 3284 2687.



October is cyber-security action month

Scammers never give up. These days scams are usually run by multi-national organised criminal groups. They are well funded and well resourced. Fake websites can be very convincing and genuine email addresses can be faked.

One of the best ways to protect yourself is to stop and query emails that appear to come from organisations we deal with regularly, such as banks and government agencies. Let's face it, we all know the Australian Taxation Office does not have the power to send you to gaol and will never tell you to pay using gift cards.

However, scammers use manipulating tactics designs to create a state of panic which can stop us from thinking logically.

Australia's national scam and ID support organisation, IDCARE, has posted the following information on its Facebook page to help you understand how scammers work.



'This cyber security action month, take a moment to understand how scammers use urgency, fear and other psychological tactics to manipulate people into making decisions before they have time to stop and think.'

'In this video, we explore the realities of today's scam environment, how organised and sophisticated scam operations have become, and why being targeted by a scam isn't a reflection of someone being careless.'

'Because behind every statistic is a real person with a real story.'

Click the link to watch a video covering these points.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1BaK9f7ZAP/>

What to do after a scam

IDCARE has also provided the following information about what you need to do if you have been scammed.

'Knowing what to do after a scam can make a difficult situation feel a little more manageable.'

'This cyber security action month, take a moment to familiarise yourself with IDCARE's simple three-step response:

- Contact your bank: act quickly to report suspicious transactions and secure your accounts.
- Contact IDCARE: get free, confidential support and guidance tailored to your situation.
- Talk to someone: sharing your experience can reduce stigma and help others recognise the warning signs.

'This video takes you through the three-step response plan, the latest scam trends we're seeing, and practical tools to help you support someone who may be caught up in a scam.'

Click the link to watch a video covering these points.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1HArkJ2JDQ/>

Jennifer Booth



Get your tickets NOW!

Have you bought your ticket yet? They are selling fast, so pop into the office and make sure you don't miss out. This great show, highlights the amazing talents of our U3A Redcliffe members.

For only \$15 not only will you enjoy a great morning's entertainment, the ticket entitles you to partake in delicious sandwiches and sweet treats at the conclusion of the show.



Pack your bags: Discover Norfolk Island

On Saturday 17 October, Greg and Andy from Trade Travel will join us at the U3A campus to present a beautifully curated escorted holiday to Norfolk Island — a destination known for its breathtaking scenery, rich history, and relaxed island charm.

This tour is open to all U3A members, their families, and friends, making it a wonderful opportunity to share a memorable experience together.

Just over two hours from Brisbane, Norfolk Island offers an easy escape to a world that feels delightfully different yet comfortably familiar. Your holiday package includes return airfares, quality accommodation, most meals, and a selection of guided excursions designed to showcase the very best of the island. And because Norfolk Island is part of Australia, you can enjoy your getaway without the hassle of currency exchange.

Greg and Andy will walk you through the itinerary, highlight the experiences awaiting you, and answer any questions — giving you a clear picture of what this exceptional holiday has in store.

Brochures are available at the Office counter.

Presentation Details

Where: U3A Campus

When: Saturday 17 October 2026

Time: 9:30 am for a 10:00 am start.

Class news



We certainly have some clever crafters among our members.

Here is Michelle from the Patchwork & Quilting class proudly displaying her finished quilt.

Good Intentions

By Chrissie Gold

Davy had ambitions.
Davy had intentions.
Davy wanted action and fun and a life of mad inventions.
He didn't want to be what his papa was — a builder and a paver.
So he asked himself, 'What shall I do? What career should I favour?'

'Do I want to be an actor?
Should I be a leading man?'
He wanted to be an hero — like Wolverine or Superman.
So he closed his eyes and imagined Hollywood from afar.
In the world of superheroes
He would reach the highest bar.

Davy heard 'Action!'
Davy heard 'Now!'
He looked around and saw a movie set — oh wow!
He saw cameras all around him and the brightest, brightest lights
And he noticed to his embarrassment his cape and tightest tights!
He looked at his 'enemies' and the faces of aggression,
Not to mention the danger and the tension and extreme violent action.

Davy shook his head.
Davy opened his eyes.
'No no!' Davy cried. 'I think I've changed my mind!
I want a career that's a bit more calm and mild.
I've always wanted to help folk since I was a little child.
I won't be an actor, I think I'll be a something proper'
So he closed his eyes and imagined that he was a doctor.

Davy heard 'Emergency!'
Davy heard 'Quick!'
Davy was in a hospital and people were injured and sick.
He looked at his body wearing scrubs that were dark green.
He looked at his patients, who seemed the greenest he'd ever seen.
He heard cries and he heard sirens. He heard groans and noisy machines.
'Oh no,' he said 'I can't do this. All the blood and kidneys and spleens!

Davy shook his head.
And he open up his eyes.
'I won't be a doctor or a nurse or anything of that kind.
I won't heal the sick, I won't mend broken bones, I'll just use my mind.
I will be a famous writer. I'll write a series of books.
I'll be famous for creating a detective — a DI who catches crooks.'
So he closed his eyes and imagined himself behind a desk.
Davy heard — nothing.
Just typing, very Conan-Doyle—esque.

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Davy was in his study writing with all his might.
The deadline was quickly looming and there were chapters he had to write.
The phone rang, it was his publisher.
'Come on Davy, where's the book?
We're waiting not-so-patiently, we're dying to have a look!'

But writing wasn't as easy as Davy had first thought.
He found it harder than being at school and his nerves were feeling fraught
With the thought of writing very little, or, in fact, actually nought!
I won't be a writer, I couldn't stand the dread, so he...
Shook his head and he opened his eyes.
'I won't be a writer, there's no book,' he said.

Davy sighed.
Davy cried.
'I don't want to hear "action".
I don't want to see people in traction.
I don't want to write fiction.
I much prefer relaxation and inaction.'

Davy went to see his papa.
He went to seek advice.
He said, 'I don't know what I will do.'
Papa said, 'Join the family business, that would be nice.'
Davy thought. Davy pondered.
'Yes Papa, that's good advice.'

His papa was a local builder, who made pathways and walls.
The firm was the only one in their village of Lakeview Hills.
Davy thought deeply about building those paths and walls.
As he climbed up into the family truck
He didn't feel bad at all!
'I'd love to work beside you,' he said to dear Papa.
'I won't be working far from home.' He sighed, 'That's better — Ahhh!'

Davy felt happy, and I forgot to mention
That the name of Papa's company was 'Good Intentions'.
Written on the side of the truck were the encouraging words
(And this was a cool invention)
'The paths in Hills are paved by Good Intentions!'

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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.

From the Editor

My apologies for broken links in previous issues. I do try to test them all but, I'm afraid some slipped through the cracks.

I have been receiving emails asking me to do things like advising tutors about absences from class, express dismay about clashing dates, and asking for more information about an activity. If you have questions or comments about issues reported in the *Campus Communiqué* please send your email to the right person or team, not just hit the 'Reply' button on the email sending it to you.

I have included below a 'Useful contacts' item with information for the office and Course Coordination Team.

Of course, I am more than happy to receive pictures and short items about U3A Redcliffe classes and activities, as well as members' own works. However, please note that no promotions or advertising will be accepted.

Jennifer Booth

Useful contacts

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Phone: 3284 2687

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Course Coordination Team

Phone: 0436 845 462 during office hours when a team member is present

Email: coursesandtutors@u3aredcliffe.org.au

Care and Concern

At times we learn 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, 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.

Campus Communiqué Editor: Jennifer Booth (editor@u3aredcliffe.org.au)

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Members who wish to share of their own work are welcome to submit appropriate images and/or text. However, no advertising or publicity for activities not directly involving U3A Redcliffe will be accepted.

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