

# U3A Clarence Newsletter August 2015

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Classes are held at Rosny LINC on Monday and Wednesday mornings. There are 3 one hour sessions each day with a choice of courses in each session.

## **DATES FOR 2015**

**Term 3: Mon Sep 14th to Wed Nov 18th**

## **SESSION TIMES**

Session 1 9.30 - 10.25

**Morning Tea 10.25 - 10.50**

Session 2 10.50 - 11.50

Session 3 12.00 - 1.00



## **President's Ponderings - August 2015**

I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to the warmer weather! Well, to spring, anyway. I think spring is my favourite season, along with autumn.

As I am writing this the weather is very "ordinary" with scuds of rain coming through and a bit of sun in between. Perfect weather for being at work on my computer.

In spite of what I said above, I next like winter with summer very much in last place.

Many of you are like me in that you feel the heat and I always feel I can put more clothes on if I need them, but there is a definite limit to the amount of clothing one can remove in public!

I have enjoyed this term, there has been a really stimulating program for us. In fact it was difficult to choose what I'd do and in one time slot I almost had to toss a coin to determine which class I'd take.

We have had two social events this term with a visit to St. David's Cathedral and our Trivia afternoon. Many thanks go to Fran Hall for organising these, I know it is hard work but Fran sails through it all and gets things done. I am wondering what there will be on offer for us next term.

Throughout this term we have seen our oldest member have her 99th birthday. Congratulations again, Betty. We have also experienced losses of either members or family of members. I know this is inevitable but it doesn't make it any less sad and my condolences go out to those affected.

We had a visit from the Honourable Paul Harris, Member for Franklin and Minister for Resources in State Parliament. Paul had no real idea of what we were all about and was very impressed by what he saw and experienced while here. I was proud to be able to give him a run down about us. I am not a "political animal" normally but I can see merit in having Politicians aware of us and how we function.

Next term will have an exciting program as usual, some of you have had a sneak preview from tutors at morning tea. The feedback I've had about those short talks has so far been positive so I will probably ask tutors to do it again next term.

We will also have the chance to welcome back all those of you who scurry off to warmer climes during term 2.

Enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you all again in term 3.

Jane Hall  
President

## MONDAY SESSION 1 9.30-10.25

### M311 POETRY READING

GRAEME LINDRIDGE

Read poems you like and ones you remember. Recite any verse that tickles your fancy or maybe a song or rhyme that you've written.

### M312 EARTHLY SECRETS - PART 1

DAVID LEAMAN

This course considers the manner in which we have thought about our planet Earth. Part 1 reviews our methods and ideas about its origin, shape, age and interior. Notes will be provided.

### M313 NOBLE IS AS NOBEL DOES

FRANK BROWN

The Nobel Prize has been in existence for more than 100 years and about 800 have been awarded. How many winners can you name??? 10 sessions presented by 10 tutors describing just a few Nobel Laureates, their work and their impact.

### M314 PAINTING

PAT OLDING FACILITATOR

The group is self-led and works mainly with watercolour but includes sessions using pencil, pen, pastels, and acrylics. Each new topic is introduced by a member of the group.

Class limit 16

Session 1 is a continuation from last year but new members are welcome in Session 2 when there will be members ready to assist them.

### M315 THE OPIUM WARS, TAIPING & BOXER REBELLIONS (1<sup>st</sup> 5 weeks)

JOHN HOOPER

How the West, at least Europe and Japan, taking advantage, decided that China needed 'opening up!' This was the 'Age of Empire'. God Save the Queen!

### M316 ORIGINALLY SINFUL (2<sup>nd</sup> 5 weeks)

PETER STEVENSON

Sin over 2000 years.

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## MONDAY SESSION 2 10.50-11.50

### M321 THE WRITERS

COLIN PYEFINCH

An opportunity for those who enjoy writing (or would like to) to share their efforts in a friendly atmosphere of mutual support and encouragement.

Class limit 15

### M322 WINTERS OF THE WORLD

ALBERT GOEDE

Ice ages have occurred throughout the Earth's history. We will be looking at their nature and causes. There will be a discussion on methods of dating rocks. Much information on our present ice age has come from ice cores and deep sea cores. The extent of ice has affected many aspects of our environment such as sea level, vegetation and the distribution and evolution of animals and early hominins.

### M323 A WALK ALONG THE MIDLAND HIGHWAY (cont.)

WAYNE SMITH

We continue from Jericho to Bagdad and discuss the history and heritage of places along the Midland Highway through the Southern Midlands. Plenty of photos of heritage buildings and lots of new information on history and folklore of midland towns, including bushranger raids, murders and local scandals.

### M324 LINE DANCING

JILL CANTON

This is an ongoing class from term one. The aim of the class is to have fun and keep the mind and body active.

### M325 PAINTING: CONTINUATION FROM SESSION ONE

SELF DIRECTED

New members welcome.

### M326 ITALIAN

ROSANNE JOYCE

General conversation, prepared topics, grammar when necessary, articles to discuss plus discussions of topical interest. This class is not suitable for beginners. Levy \$5

Class limit 6

## MONDAY SESSION 3 12.00-1.00

### M331 GERMAN CONVERSATION

IRENE JEPSON

This is not a beginners' course. Members need to be fluent enough to understand the flow and to ask pertinent questions.

Class limit 25

### M332 POT POURRI

CHRIS WATTS AND PETER GREEN

Ten different speakers will speak on their own area of interest or expertise. See the website for details.

### M333 UPDATES FROM FRONTIERS OF ASTRONOMY AND COSMOLOGY SCIENCE

PETER TAYLOR

Updates on current astronomy news and the way science is finding how we need to look at some older accepted astronomical ideas via new technology to update the ideas we once had with fresh eyes.

### M334 INVENTIONS - THE SCIENCE OF SOME ANCIENT, HISTORICAL AND PRESENT DAY ATTEMPTS

PETER MANCHESTER

Successful science events have depended on such inventions from Da Vinci, Goethe, Lavoisier, Hutton and many more esteem scientists. The lecturer will show models and demonstrations of such inventions as the helicopter, catapults, barometers, hydrometers as well as some unexpected inventions as the microwave, Viagra, toothbrushes to name a few.

### M335 THE JOYS OF TAI CHI

EILEEN LEVETT

Tai Chi is a centuries-old Chinese discipline, rooted in Taoism - the movements and principles of which are derived from the complementary relationship between Yin and Yang, two elements vital to the practice of Tai Chi.

Class Limit 20

### M336 BOOK CLUB

DOROTHY SMALLHORN AND JOAN CARR

All can participate. Bring along your favourites and/or participate in class favourites.

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## WEDNESDAY SESSION 1 9.30-10.25

### W311 GERMAN FOR BEGINNERS

KAREN WIDER

The course will mostly involve conversation, but there will also be some practice at writing and reading.

### W312 REVOLUTION AND INNOVATION 1919-1939

MARGARET ROSE

`Between the Wars'- a period of economic turmoil - BUT - also a period of revolutionary and innovative ideas in science, technology, transport, education and the arts. This course emphasises the positives of the period - the ideas and inventions that would affect us in the future.

### W313 AUSTRALIAN NOTEWORTHY, NOTORIOUS OR ECCENTRIC PERSONALITIES - PART 2

PATRICIA CORBY

This term we will be discovering more interesting and lesser known Australians but ones whose lives are motivating, unusual or just plain attention-grabbing. Judges, authors, islanders, inventors. I am thoroughly enjoying selecting just who! I do hope you will come along to find out more.

### W314 SKETCHING/DRAWING

SELF DIRECTED

Come and join a group of enthusiastic people to follow a passion of sketching and drawing. New members to the group are welcome.

### W315 MAH JONG

JAN CHIPMAN

Play and/or learn Mah Jong. Two hours for those who want to stay. **Class limit 20 but only 8 beginners.**

## WEDNESDAY SESSION 2 10.50 - 11.50

### W321 SINGING FOR PLEASURE

ADRIENNE COOPER AND ESMA WOOLLEY

Singing for pleasure describes this group of happy and friendly singers. We sing a variety of songs - folk songs, songs from the shows, spirituals and classical. We welcome men to join our current six gentlemen.

Levy \$5.00

### W322 POWER, MYSTERY, BEAUTY OF MATHS

IAN DUFFY

The title tells it all. Leave your fears behind and revel in the magic of mathematics as a host of U3A favourites tell their story. Don't miss this one!

### W323 TIM WINTON (1<sup>st</sup> 5 weeks)

STEVE TOLBERT

Session 1: Short story 'Neighbours'. Bio: from birth to writing acclaim. Session 2: Shallows. Sessions 3 & 4: Cloudstreet. Session 5: Breath.

### W324 APARTHEID (2<sup>nd</sup> 5 weeks)

MIEM TAYLOR

The historical event that led to the introduction of Apartheid. The Prime Minister who masterminded it and the one who brought it to an end. Reference - Ruth and Seretse Khama - *Triumph over Racism*.

### W325 SPANISH

SELF-DIRECTED

This is a continuing course so new students should have a basic knowledge of the language.

### W325 TAI CHI

SELF-DIRECTED

This class is self-directed and will be following a DVD compiled by one of our members experienced in Tai Chi. **Class limit 20**

### W326 MAH JONG

JAN CHIPMAN

Continuation from Session 1 for those who wish to stay.

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## WEDNESDAY SESSION 3 12.00-1.00

### W331 FACING THE MUSIC

CHRISTIAN CARSON

Classical music over 1500 years using LP records and cassette tapes. Musical appreciation and discussion of techniques.

### W332 ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

JAN GREEN

It is always a great feeling of satisfaction to share other people's joy and adventures. This is exactly what happens in U3A Armchair Travel. We end up in some amazing areas of the world without moving out of our chairs. Often a speaker may be talking about a trip you have taken and there can be amicable sharing of the journey to the benefit of the wider audience.

### W333 RUSSIA: ICON OR ENIGMA?

EILEEN LEVETT

What is Russia? Who are the Russians? What is the public image of Russia? Russian towns and villages; A Society disclosed; Russia in private; Future uncertain! We will look at the history and culture; her peoples; invasions; land acquisitions; rituals and superstitions; part of Europe or part of Asia? Join me in a fascinating voyage of discovery.

### W334 PLAY READING

MICKEY BENEFIEL (1<sup>ST</sup> 5 weeks)

TONY MANLEY (2<sup>ND</sup> 5 weeks)

Enjoy losing yourself in reading the part of a different character. No experience necessary - just a voice! **Class limit 8**

### W335 CIRCLE DANCING

MICHIKO GOUGH (1<sup>ST</sup> 5 weeks) ANGELA TAMAYO (2<sup>ND</sup> 5 weeks)

**Michiko:** Let's experience a different type of dancing from Israel in circle and partner. All simple and easy to dance. No experience or partner needed. You will enjoy the beautiful music and share the joy of dancing with your friends at the class.  
**Angela:** The course will include simple circle dances including some from the Balkan area, which are fun, moving, and a little challenging.

### W336 CHESS

MERV KERSHAW

The course is intended for all comers from beginners to more experienced players. Games are played in a friendly social environment with the aim of improving standards within the class. Beginners are shown the basics of the game and are encouraged to progress. The principle aim of the group is to have fun whilst extending the grey matter.

## CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Recently the person we believe to be our oldest member celebrated her 99th birthday. This is the lovely Betty Smith who says she loves to learn. Betty also attends Probus and School for Seniors and in her spare time she surfs the net in search of information about historical figures like Anne Boleyn.

I say Betty is who we believe to be our oldest member - we have to guess as we don't ask for your age or birthdate when you join. If anyone is older then I'd love to know about you!

Betty is the living advertisement for what U3A is all about, keeping the mind and body active, she simply loves what she does with us, that is what keeps her coming along.

May you continue attending our classes for years yet, Betty.

Congratulations on a life well lived during which you have lived through two world wars and under the reign of four monarchs.



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## VISIT TO ST DAVID'S CATHEDRAL, HOBART

On a very cold morning on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 19 U3A members met at 9.30am and went on a conducted tour of St David's Cathedral. The tour of approximately 1 hour was conducted by the Dean, Richard Humphries, and was informative, entertaining and humorous.

The history of the cathedral, the meaning behind the magnificent leadlight windows and significance of other Cathedral artifacts (eg Bishop's Throne and Rood Screen) were explained and discussed. Our final stop was in the Cloisters where the Colours (flags) of disbanded Tasmanian regiments are displayed and where they slowly crumble into dust. Some members even tackled the 200+ steps of the belltower for wonderful views of the city.

At the completion of the tour each participant was presented with a copy of "Sacred Light into a Holy Space" by Lindsay Stoddart.



*The Annunciation to the Virgin is appraised as the most beautiful in the Cathedral and is of extremely high quality.*

## TRIVIA AFTERNOON

Another successful and fun afternoon was held in July when approximately 35 members gathered at the Howrah Recreation Centre for a trivia afternoon. Tables of 5 or 6 competed against each other with serious conversation and nervous laughter as they endeavoured to answer questions ranging from Australian history, general knowledge and even a chemistry question or two. The quizmasters, Pat and Tony Domigan, were fantastic and the questions both interesting and challenging. Afternoon tea was enjoyed by all and there was even talk about holding the event again next year!

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## ENROLMENTS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND PLEASE PRINT

- You need to re-enrol each term even if you are attending a continuing class. You can enrol in as many courses as you like.
- Fill in the details at the top of the form. Your member number should be on your address label or your name tag.
- Tick or click on the classes you wish to attend on each day. For couples, fill in both names and both member numbers and tick appropriate columns.
- If you know you are going to be away for part of the term, please indicate and do not enrol for a class with a numbers limit.

Closing date Friday August 28th

You may assume your enrolment has been accepted unless we notify you otherwise. Please return to:

U3A Clarence Enrolments  
PO Box 774  
ROSNY PARK 7018

**YOU CAN NOW ENROL ONLINE. READ THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND SEE HOW EASY IT IS TO DO THAT!**

## SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS BY DIRECT CREDIT

Effective from the date of receipt of this newsletter, members will be able to pay their U3A - Clarence subscriptions by direct credit. Payments can be made by visiting a bank and making a deposit to our account or by electronic funds transfer to our account. Whichever method is used to make a direct credit payment, it is essential that the following information is recorded as part of the transaction:

Account name: University of the Third Age - Clarence Inc

BSB: 067103 (CBA Rosny Park)

Account number: 10059047

**Reference: Member's first name and surname**

Notes:

1. Some banks have ceased using paper-based deposit forms
2. When making a deposit at a bank you must ensure that your reference information is recorded whether or not the teller asks for the details
3. Members paying their subscription by direct credit still are required to submit a subscription form with their personal details and indicating that they have paid by direct credit. This subscription form can be submitted with their hard copy enrolment form
4. Members enrolling electronically still are required to submit a completed subscription form

If you have any queries about direct credit payments please see the Treasurer, Terry Mahoney.

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### 2015 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FOR TERM 3 ONLY

SINGLE - \$15

COUPLE - \$25

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID THIS YEAR, YOU DO NOT NEED TO PAY AGAIN.

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR OUR RECORDS EVEN IF YOU PAY YOUR  
SUBSCRIPTION BY DIRECT CREDIT

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Member number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name(s) for name tag(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Residential address \_\_\_\_\_

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Payment method (cheque, money order, cash or direct credit) and amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to just keep in touch but not attend classes, the *Newsletter Only* option costs just \$5 for the whole year.

Please make cheques payable to U3A Clarence and mail with this form to PO Box 774 Rosny Park 7018 or hand it in at U3A.

## ENROLMENT FORM TERM 3 2015

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Member No \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Member No \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

MONDAY				
COURSE		CODE	NAME 1	NAME 2
<b>Session 1 9.30 - 10.25</b>				
Poetry Reading		M311		
Earthly Secrets		M312		
Noble is as Nobel Does		M313		
Painting		M314		
Opium Wars, Taiping, Boxer Rebellion (1 <sup>st</sup> 5 wks)		M315		
Originally Sinful (2 <sup>nd</sup> 5 weeks)		M316		
<b>Session 2 10.50 - 11.50</b>				
The Writers		M321		
Winters of the World		M322		
A Walk along the Midland Highway (cont.)		M323		
Painting Continuation		M324		
Line Dancing		M325		
Italian		M326		
<b>Session 3 12.00 - 1.00</b>				
German Conversation		M331		
Pot Pourri		M332		
Updates on Astronomy and Cosmology Science		M333		
Inventions - ancient, historical, present day		M334		
Tai Chi		M335		
Book Club		M336		

WEDNESDAY				
COURSE		CODE	NAME 1	NAME 2
<b>Session 1 9.30 - 10.25</b>				
German for Beginners		W311		
Revolution and Innovation		W312		
Australian noteworthy, notorious, eccentric		W313		
Sketching/Drawing		W314		
Mah Jong		W315		
<b>Session 2 10.50 - 11.50</b>				
Singing for Pleasure		W321		
Power, Mystery, Beauty of Maths		W322		
Tim Winton (first 5 weeks)		W323		
Apartheid (second 5 weeks)		W324		
Spanish		W325		
Tai Chi		W326		
<b>Session 3 12.00 - 1.00</b>				
Facing the Music		W331		
Armchair Travel		W332		
Russia: Icon or Enigma		W333		
Play Reading		W334		
Circle Dancing		W335		
Chess		W336		

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TO DO THAT.**

## OUR NEW WEBSITE

Have you visited our new website?. You can access it by entering **U3A Clarence** into your search engine. Please take the time to explore as there is a wealth of information available.

You can register, enrol and pay on line.

The FAQ page has the answers to most queries.

Please let us know if you have suggestions for improvements or if there is something else you would like to see included.

## TO ENROL ON LINE

There are several entry points to the enrolment form throughout the site. Just look on the website for the heading Enrolments, click on that and then follow the instructions.

All categories are mandatory. Your number should be on your name tag (front or back). If you don't have it, just put a zero.

**If you are enrolling two people, you may need to refresh the page before entering details for the second person.**

If you are not attending a session, please mark NONE. You do not need to print anything out unless you want it for your own records.

**Enrolments, both paper and online, close on Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> 2015.**

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## FROM THE COMPUTER OF THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

I would like to thank all tutors for their marvellous contribution to our U3A. Without you there would be no U3A and it is fantastic to learn from our members who have a wide range of skills, experience and knowledge. I had my first go at presenting a session this term and it does take a lot of time to prepare for an hour talk, so your efforts are not unappreciated. However starting to contribute in a one off session is the way to go. Perhaps next year I will give another talk.

I hope that you are enjoying the program and I try to cater for a wide variety of interests. I often get asked if a course can be repeated on a different day and this is sometimes possible. However we have to remember that often tutors are only available on certain days.

I welcome any suggestions and offers of participation and the best way to contact me is by email which is listed below.

I found this quote which I think is applicable:

**Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Henry Ford**

Many thanks again and I hope you all enjoy term 3.

Lesley Thomson  
Program Coordinator  
[Lesley@remasters.com.au](mailto:Lesley@remasters.com.au)

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## CALLIGRAPHY

Hopefully a calligraphy course will start again some time during the term. If this is the case Jane will notify you in the **Weekly Notices**.