

# U3A Clarence Newsletter January 2021

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**A University of the Third Age**  
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## DATES FOR 2021

Classes are held at Rosny LINC on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. There are 3 or 4 one-hour sessions each day, with a choice of courses in most sessions.

**Term 1: Mon 1 March – Wed 19 May**

**Term 2: Mon 14 June – Wed 18 Aug.**

**Term 3: Mon 13 Sept – Wed 24 Nov.**

**Enrolment Day Term 1: Wed 17 Feb.**

## SESSION TIMES

**Session 1 9.30 – 10.25**

**Morning Tea 10.25 – 10.50** (*Not applicable at present*)

**Session 2 10.50 – 11.50**

**Session 3 12.00 – 1.00**

**Session 4 1.15 – 2.15 p.m.**

## President's Message - January 2021

What a crazy year 2020 has been. It came as a shock for us all, an unplanned event. But some past unplanned events that have happened to me have left my wife in stitches: I bought replacement windscreen wiper blades, took old ones out - carefully measured lengths and cut the new pair to size. The second wiper blade was longer than the first! I had to get a second pair.

I was doing some gardening in the front of our house when I dug up an old cable that shouldn't have been there. So I cut it off and pulled the rest of the cable up and binned it. My wife then came out and informed me that our phone was dead..... We called Telstra for a new cable.

We had a motel once and were preparing for a conference. They needed a whiteboard. So I ordered a 2.4m x 1.2m glossy white melamine sheet and asked the store to cut it to size for me. Unfortunately my metres and mms got mixed up and we ended up with 16 small boards 600mm x 300mm. Anyway, that's enough frivolity at my expense!

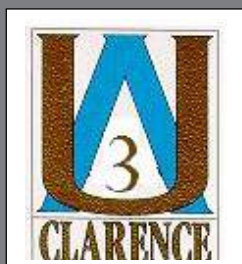
Your committee has met regularly during the year to monitor the options available for U3A to continue. The Library has imposed very strict measures to minimise the spread of COVID-19. The numbers permitted in lecture rooms and with less rooms being available made it impossible to continue classes during 2020. With Library spaces more limited, proposed programs in 2021 will be extended to Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Crowds exceeding limits set by the Library mean that our regular morning tea get-togethers will not be allowed, nor will the sing-alongs, but line dancing is now permitted.

At year's end with Tasmania looking in good shape, the committee decided that a Christmas party should be held. Beth Jeffrey, our social coordinator did a wonderful job in organising the lunch at the Lindisfarne Rowing Club – what a fantastic position on the water. Olive Tree Catering put on a real Christmas spread and we enjoyed several interesting presentations, and poems by Chris Bishop.

To investigate alternate locations for the conduct of future U3A activities I have had discussions with the Property Officers of the Clarence City Council: Tracy Sparks and Lesley Roland; David O'Byrne, Franklin Member of State Parliament and Julie Collins MP, Federal Member for Franklin.

On behalf of the committee I wish everyone a safe and fulfilling New Year.

Len Spaans, President U3A Clarence



## U3A Clarence Inc - Important Dates for 2021/22

### Pre- term 2021

Newsletter	Mon 18 Jan		
Committee Meeting	Wed 3 Feb	10:00 – 12.00	Room 1
Enrolment Day	Wed 17 Feb	10:00-12.00	Room 6
Enrolments Close	Sun 21 Feb		
AGM	Wed 24 Feb	1.30-3.30	Alma's Activities Centre Afternoon tea Guest Speaker – Peter Boyer

### Term 1 2021      Monday 1 March - Wednesday 19 May

#### No classes weeks of Monday 8 March and 5 April (Public holiday weeks)

This gives 10 Mondays, 10 Tuesdays and 10 Wednesdays

Committee Meetings	Mon 15 March	1.15-2.30	Room 1
	Mon 19 April	1.15-2.30	Room 1
	Mon 10 May	1.15-2.30	Room 1
Newsletter	Mon 10 May		

### Term 2 2021      Tuesday 15 June – Wednesday 18 August

This gives 9 Mondays, 10 Tuesdays and 10 Wednesdays

Committee Meetings	Mon 21 June	1.15-2.30	Room 1
	Mon 19 July	1.15-2.30	Room 1
	Mon 9 Aug	1.15-2.30	Room 1
Newsletter	Mon 9 Aug		

### Term 3 2021      Monday 13 September – Wednesday 17 November

This gives 10 Mondays, 10 Tuesdays and 10 Wednesdays

Committee Meetings	Mon 20 Sept	1.15-2.30	Room 1
	Mon 18 Oct	1.15-2.30	Room 1
	Mon 8 Nov	1.15-2.30	Room 1
Newsletter	Mon 8 Nov		
Christmas Luncheon	Mon 22 Nov	12 noon	TBA

### Pre term 2022

Newsletter	Mon 17 Jan		
Committee Meeting	Wed 2 Feb	1.15-2.30	Room 1
Enrolment Day	Wed 9 Feb	10:00-12.00	Room 6
Enrolments close	Sun 13 Feb		
AGM	Wed 23 Feb	1.30-3.30	TBA Afternoon tea and Speaker

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2021

1.30 pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at Alma's Activities Centre,  
17 Alma St, Bellerive

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the last AGM.
2. To receive and consider the President's Report.
3. To receive and consider the Treasurer's Report.
4. To elect Officers and Committee Members.
5. To appoint an Auditor.
6. To transact any other business of which written notice is given.

Light refreshments will be served.

Guest speaker will be **Peter Boyer**. A former Mercury reporter and public servant, Peter specialises in the Science and Politics of Climate.

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## NOMINATION FORM FOR 2021 OFFICE BEARERS

Would you like to serve on the committee in 2021? Complete the form below and have someone nominate you and second you and return to the Secretary U3A Clarence, PO Box 774, Rosny Park, 7018 by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Must be signed by three members

Position on committee \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

I accept nomination (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

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## TERM 1 PROGRAM: MONDAY SESSION 1: 9.30-10.25

211M11	<p><b>WHO KNEW?</b></p> <p>A course run in the library by Rosny Library staff.</p> <p>Week 1 ... 1/3/21 ... Fun with Dot and Dash robots (15 max)</p> <p>Week 2 ... 15/3/21 ... A virtual Reality experience (15 max)</p> <p>Week 3 ... 22/3/21 ... Using the eLibrary – free magazines, audiobooks and more (no cap on numbers)</p> <p>Week 4 ... 29/3/21 ... iPad and Tablet made easy (15 max)</p> <p>Week 5 ... 19/4/21 ... Canva – An easy online way to make your own personalised gift cards (15 max)</p> <p>Week 6 ... 26/4/21 ... How to stay safe Online (15 max)</p> <p>Week 7 ... 3/5/20 ... How to book your travel Online (15 max)</p> <p>Week 8 ... 10/5/21 ... Connecting with others online – How to make video calls overseas (15 max)</p> <p>Week 9 ... 17/5/21 ... Watching movies for free using the internet (15 max)</p>	<b>LIBRARY STAFF</b>
211M12	<p><b>TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR ...</b></p> <p>... How I wonder what you are. The behaviour of the largest objects in our universe is determined by the nature of the smallest. Stars are born, live a variety of astonishing lives, and die with a bang or a whimper. We, and all things in our world, are made of their dust. Join me on this stellar adventure, and wonder no longer.</p> <p>Week 1 How I wonder what you are; Week 2 Out of Mythology; Week 3 Revolutionary Thought; Week 4 Towards the Enlightenment; Week 5 Assembling Our Tools; Week 6 Pieces of the Puzzle; Week 7 The Universe; Week 8 Stars are Born ...; Week 9 Stars Live ...; Week 10 Stars Recycle!</p>	<b>IAN DUFFY</b>
211M13	<p><b>PAINTING</b></p> <p>This is a self-directed course working predominantly in watercolour.</p>	<b>FACILITATOR: CAROL GALE</b>
211M14	<p><b>ALONG THE MIDLAND HIGHWAY</b></p> <p>Progressing from Western Junction to Perth. All the early landowners and their heritage buildings will be discussed with photos where available. Local history, scandals, bushrangers, aborigines and other newsworthy events. Also the reasons for the place names and farms will be given.</p>	<b>WAYNE SMITH</b>
211M15	<p><b>LIFE AND PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE AGES</b></p> <p>A brief look at some aspects of this extensive period in history, with emphasis on the lives of women.</p>	<b>JUDITH MUDALIAR</b>
<b>TERM 1 PROGRAM: MONDAY SESSION 2: 10.50-11.50</b>		
211M21	<p><b>TALES OF THE CAUCASUS</b></p> <p>We will take a look at the hard facts, but also the romantic and legendary tales of the Caucasus: its archaeology, very early Christian conversion, Ancient Greek tales of the Golden Fleece, the Silk Road weaving through the area, Russian and communist domination and its possible future.</p>	<b>ANNA MELTON</b>
211M22	<p><b>PAINTING</b></p> <p>This is a self-directed course working predominantly in watercolour.</p>	<b>CAROL GALE</b>
211M23	<p><b>LINE DANCING</b></p> <p>Simple line dances to a variety of music. Suitable for people who just want to have fun in moving, singing, making plenty of mistakes and laughing at them! This course is full.</p>	<b>JILL CANTON</b>
211M24	<p><b>THE WRITERS</b></p> <p>An opportunity for those who enjoy writing (or would like to) to share their efforts in a friendly atmosphere of mutual support and encouragement.</p>	<b>COLIN PYEFINCH</b>

**TERM 1 PROGRAM: MONDAY SESSION 3: 12.00-1.00**

211M31	<b>DEVELOPING RESILIENCE FOR THIS UNCERTAIN WORLD</b> <b>CAROLINE DEAN</b> Resilience is the ability to 'bounce back' from unexpected stressful and challenging life circumstances. Being resilient doesn't mean a person doesn't experience life challenges but rather they are better able to adapt and cope with them when they do occur. This 9-week course will help you develop and build skills and habits to better manage and reduce the disruption that can come with stress in difficult times.
211M32	<b>FRENCH FOR BEGINNERS</b> <b>CAROL ROSSENDELL</b> This course will cater for those with little or no knowledge of French and will focus on developing basic skills in the language. It will be adapted to suit the needs and interests of the participants.
211M33	<b>AN IRISHMAN, A WELSHMAN AND TWO SCOTS</b> <b>EILEEN LEVETT</b>
211M34	<b>POETRY READING</b> <b>CHRIS BISHOP</b> Join Chris and other poetry enthusiasts in an exploration of poetry through the ages. The sessions include a range of poetry and poets. Some members bring along and share their own poetry. No previous knowledge of poetry required.

**TERM 1 PROGRAM: TUESDAY SESSION 1: 9.30-10.25**

211T11	<b>LADIES WHO DO!</b> <b>PATRICIA CORBY</b> It is said that 'behind every man .....' We are going to look at women across the world and the ages who have not been afraid to get their hands dirty and do important things, sometimes against the odds and sometimes by venturing into new territory. Women such as Ann Page from the Fingal Valley, Oby Ezekwesili from Nigeria, Tjanara Goreng Goreng from Queensland, Clara Schumann from Germany are all possible. Come along and find out who we will celebrate.
211T12	<b>BRADSHAW'S TOURING GUIDE OF ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, WALES AND IRELAND 1863</b> <b>PAT OLDING &amp; MICKEY BENEFIEL</b> Based on the Touring Guide published in 1863 by Bradshaw. Using this guide we will visit the key places in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, that would have attracted the tourist in 1863. Historians have characterised the mid-Victorian era (1850-1870) as Britain's "Golden Years". There was prosperity, as the national income per person grew by half. There was peace abroad, and social peace at home. The perfect time for a tourist to travel.

**TERM 1 PROGRAM: TUESDAY SESSION 2: 10.50-11.50**

211T21	<b>LEARN TO PLAY CRIBBAGE</b> <b>BILL BOUFFLER</b> Have you ever played this card game? A game for two or more which uses a standard 52 card deck of cards, and a crib board to score. There is enough luck for it to be fun, but it also takes skill and cunning to play well. Come and discover 15-2, 15-4 and three-of-a-kind is 10 plus 1 for his knob makes 11. Learn the rules and play the game with friends.
211T22	<b>GERMAN CONVERSATION</b> <b>SELF DIRECTED</b> German conversation for German speakers wanting conversational practice. New members are welcome in the group but you need to have a reasonable grasp of the language.

	<b>TERM 1 PROGRAM: WEDNESDAY SESSION 1: 9.30-10.50</b>	
211W11	<b>THE TOO MUCH PROMISED LAND: ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS</b>	<b>VICKI PATERSON</b>
211W12	<b>TRIVIA</b> Three sets of ten trivia questions and answers plus a page of six rebus puzzles per week.	<b>JANE HALL</b>
211W13	<b>MAH JONG</b> Play and/or learn Mah Jong. Two hours for those who want to stay.	<b>JAN CHIPMAN</b>
	<b>TERM 1 PROGRAM: WEDNESDAY SESSION 2: 10.50-11.50</b>	
211W21	<b>FRENCH CLUB</b> Continuing course for those participants from last term. Newcomers are welcome but some basic knowledge of the language would be preferable.	<b>SELF DIRECTED</b>
211W22	<b>TAI CHI</b> This class is self-directed and will be following a recently purchased DVD.	<b>SELF-DIRECTED</b>
211W23	<b>MAH JONG – CONTINUATION FROM SESSION 1</b>	
	<b>TERM 1 PROGRAM: WEDNESDAY SESSION 3: 12.00-1.00</b>	
211W31	<b>UPDATES ON ASTRONOMY AND COSMOLOGY SCIENCE</b> Presenting news on discoveries in space, updating current space missions as well as those in preparation for launch. New discoveries from observatories; exploring the frontiers of deep space with what astronomers are detecting. Lectures feature photographs of incredible space vistas and phenomena that are captured by the telescopes and cameras.	<b>PETER TAYLOR</b>
211W32	<b>SPANISH</b> This is a course for people with some knowledge of Spanish.	<b>SELF DIRECTED</b>
211W33	<b>CHESS</b> We welcome novices to the game as well as those with experience. As with everything there are many things to learn, and we all learn in partnership with each and everyone in the class. On the way, we hope to have fun and enjoy this very ancient game, which is played the world over by young and old.	<b>SELF DIRECTED</b>
211W34	<b>PLAY READING</b> If you have ever attended a play that you really liked, come and join in re-creating the sometimes hilarious, sometimes mysterious but always fascinating and fun masterpieces of the theatre. There will be plenty of parts to suit everyone.	<b>SELF DIRECTED</b>
	<b>TERM 1 PROGRAM: WEDNESDAY SESSION 4: 1.15-2.15</b>	
211W41	<b>LINE DANCING</b> Simple line dances to a variety of music. Suitable for people who just want to have fun in moving, singing, making plenty of mistakes and laughing at them!	<b>JILL CANTON</b>





The Annual Christmas Lunch for U3A was held in November at the Lindisfarne Rowing Club. The venue provided magnificent views, but for the eighty-seven members able to attend a main attraction was the chance to catch up with friends and fellow students after such an unusual and trying year. The raffle was the usual success, with \$357 being raised and donated to the ABC Giving Tree Appeal.

The table decorations contributed to the festive atmosphere, as did the food. Guests enjoyed entertainment such as Chris Bishop's poetry.

A **huge** vote of thanks must go to Beth Jeffrey who organised and ran the event, and provided photos, and to Terry Mahoney and John Jeffrey for their assistance.

## CROQUET

U3A Clarence has had an invitation from Noel Davies of the Eastern Shore Croquet Club for members to learn more about croquet. Interested members should contact Noel at [noel.davies3@bigpond.com](mailto:noel.davies3@bigpond.com) . If there is sufficient interest we can start a new class: 'Introduction to Croquet'.

**From Len Spaans (President)**



**The Christmas Luncheon  
and its merry rebels!**



## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS:

**Only new members, or people who were not paid up members in 2020, need to pay for subscription! *If you paid in 2020 you do not need to pay this year.***

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2021  
\$45 PER PERSON**

**You can pay online as follows:  
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS ON LINE  
BY DIRECT CREDIT**

Members can pay their U3A Clarence subscriptions by completing the form on line. Go to our website <http://u3aclarence.com> and click on the link:

### **Subscribe to U3A (membership)**

Payments may be made by electronic funds transfer to our account, or by visiting a bank and making a deposit to our account **after** the online form is submitted. 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

BSB 067103

Account number 10059047

Reference Members' first name and surname

Please note: 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. Please address any Payment queries to our Treasurer, Terry Mahoney.

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PAY BY DIRECT CREDIT PLEASE USE THE  
FOLLOWING FORM  
YOU MUST SUBMIT THIS FORM IF YOU PAY BY CHEQUE OR CASH**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile:phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Method of payment and amount paid - cheque, cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your cheque payable to U3A Clarence and mail *with this form* to PO Box 774  
Rosny Park 7018, OR hand it in on Enrolment Day - 17<sup>th</sup> February.

*Please bring this form* completed *if you intend to pay for a subscription on Enrolment Day.*

**ENROLMENT DAY WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

Enrolment Day is an opportunity intended for people who *don't have access to the internet.*

Help with enrolments will be given from 10 a.m. until noon in Room 6.

If you need to pay membership fees you can do so on Enrolment Day, however there are alternate ways of doing this, as listed elsewhere in this newsletter. (Remember that your enrolment won't be considered until you have paid your subscription). If intending to pay a subscription at Enrolment Day please make sure you bring this subscription form completed and ready to hand in.

**PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR ENROLMENT BY SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
FEBRUARY.**

## Enrolling:

You can do this online or on paper using the enrolment form enclosed. Paper enrolments can be delivered to U3A on Enrolment Day, or posted. Postal address is *U3A Clarence Enrolments, PO Box 774, Rosny Park, 7018.*

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

It may be that during the COVID lockdown you have now obtained an email address or have a family member or friend who will allow you to use theirs. If this is the case, please advise us as soon as possible and we will send you electronic copies of messages and newsletters in future. Please send this information by email to Margaret Collis, enrolment officer at: [membership@u3aclarence.com](mailto:membership@u3aclarence.com)

The Rosny Library conducts beginner classes for people new to email and computer use. These can be enjoyed to increase your skills.

***Note the courses you have enrolled in to give yourself a reminder.***

#### ***Monday***

#### ***Tuesday***

#### ***Wednesday***

<b>Session 1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

## Term 1 2021 Enrolments for Email members:

The January 2021 Newsletter containing Term 1's program will be sent by email to members who **have email details** and enrolled in 2019 or 2020. This will be sent via the new UMAS membership and enrolment system. You will be invited to log in to UMAS from then on, to check your membership details and enrol in classes.

If you were a member in 2019 or 2020 you are in the system and are **not a new member**. You need to log on to **Login** or **View Courses**.

To Login you need to access our website at [u3aclarence.com](http://u3aclarence.com) and click on the yellow link: ***View our new Learning Portal*** (bottom left hand side of the home page).

On the menu to the left there is a login option.

Click on this and follow the prompts to enter your member number or email address, then enter your password.

You will probably not know your new number, so use your email address. To begin with your password has been set at the last 5 (FIVE) digits of your phone number. You will have the option of setting a new password or continuing with the set password.

*Please note that your membership details will include a Birth Year field, which has been arbitrarily set to 1950. This is a mandatory field required by the system. We recommend that you set it to your **actual** birth year. (This is entirely optional at this stage.)*

Continue to ***View or Select Courses*** section (listed on the left against a blue background) for the list of classes.

After enrolling and when your enrolment has been accepted (i.e. you have paid your subscription) you will be sent a confirmation list of your classes. For those who paid in 2020 you will automatically be accepted as paid for 2021, your subscription carries over into 2021.

Unfortunately because of COVID restrictions at the Library we may not be able to accommodate all who wish to enrol in some classes. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences.

## **UMAS Support**

If you have problems with UMAS or questions about it, you'll be able to get help during the enrolment period (following the January newsletter) by email from Margaret Collis at [membership@u3aclarence.com](mailto:membership@u3aclarence.com)



# ENROLMENT FORM TERM 1 2021

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2:



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

<b>MONDAY COURSES</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>NAME 1</b>	<b>NAME 2</b>
<b>Session 1 9.30-10.25</b>			
Who Knew?	211M11		
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star...	211M12		
Painting	211M13		
Along the Midland Highway	211M14		
Life and People in the Middle Ages	211M15		
<b>Session 2 10.50-11.50</b>			
Tales of the Caucasus	211M21		
Painting	211M22		
Line Dancing	211M23		
The Writers (self-directed)	211M24		
<b>Session 3 12.00-1.00</b>			
Developing Resilience for this uncertain world	211M31		
French for Beginners	211M32		
An Irishman, a Welshman and Two Scots	211M33		
Poetry Reading	211M34		

<b>TUESDAY COURSES</b>			
<b>Session 1 9.30-10.25</b>			
Ladies Who Do!	211T11		
Bradshaw's Touring Guide of England	211T12		
<b>Session 2 TUESDAY 10.50-11.50</b>			
Learn to Play Cribbage	211T21		
German Conversation	211T22		

<b>WEDNESDAY COURSES</b>			
<b>Session 1 9.30 -10.25</b>			
The too much Promised Land: Israel	211W11		
Trivia	211W12		
Mah Jong	211W13		
<b>Session 2 – 10.50 – 11.50</b>			
French Club (self-directed)	211W21		
Tai Chi (self-directed)	211W22		
Mah Jong (cont. from Session 1)	211W23		
<b>Session 3 – 12.00 – 1.00</b>			
Updates and Oddities – Astronomy ...	211W31		
Spanish	211W32		
Chess	211W33		
Play Reading	211W34		
<b>Session 4 – 1.15 - 2.15</b>			
Line Dancing	211W41		

## **COURSE CODES:**

***In case you're wondering....***

our new system requires a new coding system for courses. The numbers refer to the year, term, session and then number within that session time.