

U3A Clarence Newsletter August 2022

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DATES FOR 2022

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

Term 2: ends Wed 24 Aug;

Term 3: Mon 19 Sept – Wed 23 Nov.

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 Message August 2022

OUR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP IS DECLINING

Whilst there are many factors behind declining membership, some of the biggest factors that associations should factor into their retention strategies include financial uncertainty of members, changing membership needs and interests, and struggles to connect with new and younger members.

We are not alone. More than half of associations report that they are losing members. With competition from new groups and aging members, our association may find itself with an attrition problem.

Let's look at some solutions to declining membership.

Is our association still relevant?

If U3A Clarence is changing or even being phased out, how much interest can our group have for our members?

Although there are things you can't change, we can become proactive about making your association more meaningful. We could consider revising our mission statement, updating our activities or even merging with other U3As or Seniors groups.

Is there something driving members away?

This can be a particularly tough question to pose. In insular groups like ours, a fear of lingering COVID in the community, a lack of suitable presentations and activities may be responsible for membership losses. On a more positive note, it may be something that's easy to fix, like an overly complex website with too many pop-up windows or dues that are disproportionate to what the association offers compared to other competing organisations.

What do members want?

Associations often become mired in what the committees want at the expense of the larger membership. Is it time to conduct a detailed survey of our members to see if we've drifted away from why they joined in the first place?

What do you think? Can you help? Any suggestions?

Len Spaans, U3A Clarence

U3A Clarence Inc - Important Dates for 2022

Term 2 2022 ends on Wednesday 24 August.

Enrolments for Term 3 are due on Monday the 5th September.

Term 3 2022 Monday 19 September – Wednesday 23 November

This gives 10 Mondays and 10 Wednesdays

Committee Meetings	Mon 26 Sept	1.15-2.30	Room 5
	Mon 24 Oct	1.15-2.30	Room 5
	Mon 14 Nov	1.15-2.30	Room 5
Newsletter	Mon 7 Nov		
Christmas Luncheon	Wed 30 Nov.	12.30	Motor Yacht Club Lindisfarne

OUR PROGRAM FOR TERM 3:

TERM 3 PROGRAM: MONDAY SESSION 1: 9.30-10.25

223M11	CLARENCE HISTORY Learn about the history of your own community. Clarence Aborigines, early explorers, evolution of townships, origins of town names, first settlers, early industries, heritage buildings, movers and shakers. Lots of interesting local photos.	WAYNE SMITH
223M12	LINE DANCING – BEGINNERS Simple line dances to a variety of music. Suitable for people who just want to have fun moving, singing, making plenty of mistakes and laughing at them. This is a small class especially for beginners.	JILL CANTON
223M13	PAINTING This is a self-directed course working predominantly in watercolour.	FACILITATOR: CAROL GALE
223M14	DIGITAL DROP-IN Do you have a question about your device and want to learn more about how to use it? Or do you want to learn more about apps, how to download apps and how to discover some new ones. These drop-in sessions allow you to ask questions and get some support. Bring your own device.	LIBRARY STAFF

TERM 3 PROGRAM: MONDAY SESSION 2: 10.50-11.50

223M21	THE AFRICAN CONTINENT: OVERVIEW AND RECENT HISTORY In ten weeks, this course will outline the countries of the African Continent and how they got to be there, with lines drawn by the colonial power leading to so much ongoing conflict. Peter has always had a family connection with Africa from his family hosting African students studying in England, to his parents going to teach in Malawi and his brother working in Zambia, and then going overland from Cairo to Cape Town and back in his travelling days. He now works as a volunteer with refugees, many of whom come from war-torn areas of Africa, and has adopted an Eritrean daughter.	PETER JONES
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223M22	TRIVIA Three sets of ten questions and six rebus puzzles per week. Designed to stimulate discussion (and fun), test your brain, memory and deductive powers. There will be a \$2 fee for photocopying.	JANE HALL
223M23	PAINTING This is a self-directed course, continuing from Session 1, working predominantly in watercolour.	CAROL GALE
223M24	LINE DANCING 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!	JILL CANTON
223M25	THE WRITERS An opportunity for those who enjoy writing (or would like to) to share their efforts in a friendly atmosphere of mutual support and encouragement.	SELF DIRECTED

TERM 3 PROGRAM: MONDAY SESSION 3: 12.00-1.00

223M31	THE CATHEDRAL This is the second half of the course begun in Term 1, which is based on a <i>Great Course</i> of the same name. Sessions will consist of introductory, complementary material followed by a thirty-minute video presentation.	JUDITH MUDALIAR
223M32	POETRY READING 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.	CHRIS BISHOP
223M33	FRENCH FOR BEGINNERS 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.	CAROL ROSSENDELL
223M34	NEW SINGALONG Come and enjoy the singalong in Room 6. All your favourites from the '50s, '60s and '70s and many more. No music needed; it will all be on the big screen.	LEN SPAANS
223M35	GERMAN CONVERSATION 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.	SELF DIRECTED

TERM 3 PROGRAM: WEDNESDAY SESSION 1: 9.30 – 10.25

223W11	A SHORT HISTORY OF ALMOST EVERYTHING The inspiration for this course is the book <i>A Short History of Nearly Everything</i> by Bill Bryson. This is a relatively small book covering monumental ideas, and this course will cover his first three sections: Lost in the Cosmos, The Size of the Earth and A New Age Dawns. The course is the first part of the story of how we, as humans, went from there being nothing at all to there being something. It is an exploration of scientific knowledge and imagining and will cover: How to Build a Universe; Welcome to the Solar System; What Else is Out There; The Measure of Things; The Stone Breakers; Elemental Matters; Einstein's Universe; The Mighty Atom; Muster Mark's Quarks; and The Earth Moves.	CAROL ROSSENDELL
223W12	VOLCANOES The first three lectures will be dealing with the nature of volcanic landforms and processes. This will be followed by sessions covering historical eruptions, such as Santorini, Vesuvius, Krakatoa, Mount Pelee and others.	ALBERT GOEDE
223W13	MAH JONG Learn to play, and enjoy, this game. Beginners are welcome. Two hours for those who wish to stay.	JAN CHIPMAN

223W14	LEARN TO PLAY CRIBBAGE Have you ever played this card game? A game for two or more which uses a standard 52 card deck and a crib board to score. There is enough luck in it for it to be fun, but it also takes skill and cunning to play well. Come and discover 15-5, 15-4 and three-of-a-kind is 10+1 for his knob makes 11. Learn the rules and play the game with friends.	BILL BOUFFLER
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TERM 3 PROGRAM: WEDNESDAY SESSION 2: 10.50-11.50

223W21	ODD BODS AND SODS People are so interesting! This course will be a series of talks about various men and women who have caught the Tutor's attention, whether due to their unique contribution to society, their individual talents or maybe their place in history. Some you may know, some you may not. Come along and find out which.	PATRICIA CORBY
223W22	GAME TIME Great fun games to play with your friends. Exercise your skills with numbers and letters to win.	LEN SPAANS
223W23	FRENCH CLUB For those who have studied French in the past and would like to build on their skills. More emphasis on everyday French, listening and conversation than writing and grammar.	PETA KELLY
223W24	MAH JONG Continue from Session 1 for those who wish to keep on playing.	JAN CHIPMAN
223W25	TAI CHI This class is self-directed and will be following a DVD.	SELF-DIRECTED

TERM 3 PROGRAM: WEDNESDAY SESSION 3: 12.00-1.00

223W31	THE MYSTERIOUS ETRUSCANS Who were they? Where did they come from? What happened to them? What did they contribute to society? This course seeks to answer these questions with the assistance of material from a <i>Great Course</i> of the same name.	PAT JEFFERY
223W32	JAPANESE This course will focus on the main characteristics of the Japanese language. The three types of characters and Romanji (English) which are used in writing will be explained and practice given. Each lesson will focus on basic topics needed for every day living and other topics of interest to the course members. These topics will also need basic background information on the Number systems used in Japan.	DERRIS WOOD
223W33	CHESS 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.	SELF DIRECTED
223W35	PLAY READING Looking for comic relief from COVID or a way to re-live an entertaining experience in the theatre? Come and have fun reading plays with others. No experience needed and plenty of characters and plots in which to immerse oneself. Our coordinator has worked in theatre and enjoys sharing her knowledge of, and enthusiasm for all things theatrical.	MARIE HOWARD-DOWLMAN

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS:
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2022
\$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 Member's 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 BANK VISIT

Name _____

Preferred name for name tag (new members) _____

Phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Email address _____

Residential address _____
_____ Post Code _____

Method of payment and amount paid: \$ _____

Please make your cheque payable to U3A Clarence and mail *with this form* to PO Box 774 Rosny Park 7018.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ENROLMENTS

Because classes still have some COVID-based restrictions, please only enrol in classes you are confident you can attend regularly. If you cannot make classes, please inform a committee member – as classes may have waiting lists.

Please note that line dancing classes are always popular, and the numbers are limited to meet COVID requirements. There will be no line dancing classes run on Wednesdays from this term.

Just started using an email address?

If you have just started using an email address and have been receiving posted newsletters, please let us know as soon as possible and we will send you electronic copies of messages and newsletters in future. Please send your name and email address by email to: membership@u3aclarence.com The Rosny Library conducts beginners' classes for people new to email and computer use. These could increase your skills and confidence.

Paper enrolment form

If you cannot enrol online, then a paper form can be printed from the newsletter and completed. Paper enrolments can be sent to *U3A Clarence Enrolments, PO Box 774, Rosny Park, 7018* or handed to Carol Rossendell.

The enrolments will come to Carol Rossendell who is helping people not able to enrol online, particularly those who receive the newsletter by mail. If you are without computer access, she will also take your enrolment over the phone if you prefer. Her phone number is 0409 698 198. ***The sooner this information gets to her, the sooner you can be enrolled.***





Member subscriptions

You need to be a financial member of U3A Clarence to be admitted to classes, so if you have not yet paid your annual membership subscription for 2022, please follow the instructions on the U3A Clarence website under General Information, then Subscriptions. You can also use the information in this newsletter to make the payment.

HOW . TO . ENROL

We prefer that you do this online. These are the instructions for online enrolment.

Online enrolment:

1. Search for U3A Clarence.
2. Click on the first website: **U3A Clarence**
3. Click on  the button.
4. Click on **Login**
5. Enter your member number and password
6. Click on **View or Select Courses** on menu on the left. Courses for term 3 2022 will all have a course code starting with 223. You may need to scroll through the term 2 courses to find the term 3 ones.
7. Check the box on the left-hand side for each course you want to enrol in.
8. Courses which are highlighted in blue are full. You can still check the box, but you will be placed on a waiting list.
9. Click on the  button at the bottom of the list of courses.
10. The list of  courses you have selected will appear. The fourth column is the **Status**. This will be blank if you have been **included in the course**, and will have **Wait listed** if the course is full.
11. Click on the  button to finish your enrolment. **This step is important so don't leave it out.**
12. The information in step 10 is the information on your enrolment status. You will not receive any additional confirmation such as an email.
13. Once this has been finalised, your enrolment is **complete**.
14. Logout.

THIS TERM'S ENROLMENT DUE DATE IS MONDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER.



A number of U3A Clarence members attended a wonderful luncheon at Hadley's Hotel on the 30th June. The food and atmosphere were great! Thanks so much to Beth Jeffery for organising it.

We have our Quiz afternoon this Thursday, 18th August at Lindisfarne Activities Centre, Back Hall, at 1.30.

Latecomers welcome. Please RSVP to Beth by this Wed. 17th Aug. Beth: 62476329.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania, Lindisfarne, 12.30, on 30th November. More information to follow, but keep the date free...



A FEW BRIEF REMINDERS FOR MEMBERS:

It is helpful to other members and to Library staff if we can all wear our lanyards with our names tags. We recommend you put your preferred emergency contact person and his/her phone number on the back of your name tag in case you have a medical problem while in the Library and require assistance.

The cost for morning tea is a very cheap \$1.00. Costs have risen for items such as milk, biscuits, scones, serviettes, coffee, tea and \$1.00 does not go far. Please remember to put your contribution in the container.

YOUR U3A IS AT RISK OF FOLDING IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

The present committee would like to remind members that *all* U3A members are volunteers. U3A operates because people volunteer in all sorts of ways, from washing up to running courses or serving on the Committee of Management. At present we are urgently needing people to volunteer for the not too onerous, but legally required, roles of President and Treasurer. Terry needs someone to start learning how to do his role – he needs to be able to retire from the duties he has completed for more than twenty-seven years. Len has completed three years as President and is unable to continue in that role. Some other committee members would be keen to have people put their hands up for their roles and allow them to have a well-earned break also. If you cannot take on one of these roles yourself, but can think of suitable members, perhaps talk to Len, Carol, Sue, etc. about your ideas. It is getting urgent that we find replacement committee and office bearers.

Please consider speaking to Vicki Paterson, now planning courses for next year, about sessions or courses you could take, or people you could contact or suggest who might be able to help. When we look around it is apparent how many of our tutors we have lost in recent years to advanced age, even death, unfortunately. Some have moved out of Hobart. We desperately need new ideas for courses, topics of interest and people who can help present. Presenting is sometimes a lot of work, depending on your course, but it is always vastly rewarding. Perhaps you could dip your toe in by taking one session or teaching a game, for example. If you can help – please let us know.

SITUATIONS VACANT 2023

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
<u>Duties</u> Chair Monthly Meetings Present Term Messages Represent U3A Clarence with Outside Parties Plan Annual Programs	<u>Duties</u> Manage Finances Present Accounts for Payment Manage Investments Public Officer	<u>Duties</u> Various duties available

ENROLMENT FORM TERM 3 2022



Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

MONDAY COURSES	CODE	NAME
Session 1 9.30-10.25		
Clarence History	223M11	
Line dancing - Beginners	223M12	
Painting	223M13	
Digital drop-in	223M14	
Session 2 10.50-11.50		
The Africa continent	223M21	
Trivia	223M22	
Painting	223M23	
Line Dancing	223M24	
The Writers	223M25	
Session 3 12.00-1.00		
The Cathedral	223M31	
Poetry Reading	223M32	
French for Beginners	223M33	
New Singalong	223M34	
German Conversation	223M35	

WEDNESDAY COURSES	CODE	NAME
Session 1 9.30-10.25		
A short history of nearly everything	223W11	
Volcanoes	223W12	
Mah Jong	223W13	
Learn to play Cribbage	223W14	
Session 2 10.50-11.50		
Odd bods and sods	223W21	
Game time	223W22	
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Mah Jong	223W24	
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