

U3A Clarence Newsletter November 2022

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DATES FOR 2022/2023

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.

2022: ends – Wed 23 Nov.

Term 1, 2023: Mon 27 Feb – Wed 17 May

Term 2: Mon 19 June – Wed 23 August

Term 3: Mon 18 Sept – Wed 22 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 **November 2022**

My message from Fremantle:

I thought Gay and I would get away from U3A and go on a relaxing 26 day cruise around Australia. As it turned out all our fellow passengers look and act just like our U3A members! Happy, friendly and very easy to get on with.

Anyway, as this term draws to a close, I'd like to remind all our members that we are all volunteers. We want nominations from you to join our committee, in particular we need a new President and a new Treasurer.

Also, we need tutors to present classes. These could be based on your experience from your past work, or a hobby or special interest that you could share with us. Please give this request some serious consideration.

Looking forward to joining you all at our final event for the year, our Christmas Luncheon on the 30th November.

Len Spaans,
U3A Clarence



U3A Clarence Inc - Important Dates for 2023/24

Pre- term 2023

Newsletter	Mon 16 Jan		
Committee Meeting	Wed 1 Feb	10:00 – 12.00	Room 5
Enrolments Close	Sun 19 Feb		
AGM	Wed 22 Feb	1.30- 3.30	Rosny Library Room 6 Afternoon tea Guest Speaker – Peter Boyer

Term 1 2023 Monday 27 February - Wednesday 17 May

No classes weeks of Monday 13 March and 10 April (Public holiday weeks)

This gives 10 Mondays and 10 Wednesdays

Committee Meetings	Mon 6 March	1.15-2.30	Room 5
	Mon 17 April	1.15-2.30	Room 5
	Mon 8 May	1.15-2.30	Room 5
Newsletter	Mon 1 May		

Term 2 2023 Monday 19 June – Wednesday 23 August

This gives 10 Mondays and 10 Wednesdays

Committee Meetings	Mon 26 June	1.15-2.30	Room 5
	Mon 24 July	1.15-2.30	Room 5
	Mon 14 Aug	1.15-2.30	Room 5
Newsletter	Mon 7 Aug		

Term 3 2023 Monday 18 September – Wednesday 22 November

This gives 10 Mondays and 10 Wednesdays

Committee Meetings	Mon 25 Sep	1.15-2.30	Room 5
	Mon 23 Oct	1.15-2.30	Room 5
	Mon 13 Nov	1.15-2.30	Room 5
Newsletter	Mon 6 Nov		
Christmas Luncheon	Mon 27 Nov	12 noon	TBA

Pre term 2024

Newsletter	Mon 15 Jan		
Committee Meeting	Wed 31 Jan	1.15-2.30	Room 5
Enrolments close	Sun 18 Feb		
AGM	Wed 21 Feb	1.30-3.30	TBA Afternoon tea and Speaker

And the rest of this year.....

Term 3 2022 Monday 19 September – Wednesday 23 November

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	Week of Nov 6		
Christmas Luncheon	Wed 30 Nov.	12 for 12.30	Motor Yacht Club Lindisfarne

U3A CLARENCE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

1.30 pm Wednesday 17th February in Room 6 at Rosny Library

Business to be conducted

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 Special Resolution:-To change our constitution in three ways.
 - A) 10 (b). Delete the requirement to write receipts for all monies received.
 - B) 12 (a). Delete requirement to insure all assets.
 - C) 4 (c). Remove the specified 3 year term of the President.

- 7 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.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Special Resolution

Changes to U3A Clarence Constitution at AGM 2023

As mentioned in the Notice of the 2023 AGM the Committee has recommended minor changes to the constitution in three ways. These are detailed below, along with the reasons for the suggested changes to be voted on at the AGM.

Changes to Section 10 regarding Receipts

Section 10 (b) of our current constitution reads:-

Receipts shall be issued for **all** monies received and all financial transactions shall be recorded

The changed wording shall be:-

10 (b) Electronic receipts shown in our bank accounts shall be accepted as true records of receipts and transactions.

Reason

At present our Treasurer writes a written receipt for all monies received. This was necessary when money was received as cash. Nowadays all receipts are sent direct to the bank either as a direct deposit or a deposit made directly to the bank. The Committee feels that writing receipts is unnecessary and a waste of the Treasurer's time.

The changed wording means that all members' contributions and other amounts received are correctly recorded and can be viewed at any reasonable time on request as usual.

Changes to Section 12 regarding Insurance

Section 12 of our constitution reads:-

12. Insurance

(a) The association shall be covered for public /products liability and theft and fire insurance **at all times**.

The changed wording shall be

12. Insurance

(a) The association shall be covered for public /products liability and theft and fire insurance at all times to the extent that the Committee feel is necessary.

Reason

Our insurance premiums are increasing at a rapid rate of knots and the Committee has examined the necessity of always insuring everything. The Committee feels that much of this is unnecessary.

We are covered at all times by the Library's third party and public liability insurance while we are on the premises. The only time we are not covered by the Library's own insurance is when we are travelling from or to home; this is a risk we all take constantly.

Most of our assets are very old and of limited value.

In case of a fire at the Library which destroys our assets we will be in more trouble finding alternative premises than replacing our current equipment. It is highly likely we could replace our equipment from one of Clarence Council's grants, which they give to non-profit organisations every year.

Our cupboards containing our equipment are kept locked at all times unless equipment is being moved in or out. So theft is relatively unlikely.

On balance the Committee felt that we should prudently insure our assets only when special circumstances arise and not as a compulsory requirement.

Changes to Section 4 OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 4 (c) of our current constitution reads:-

4 (c) No person shall hold the Office of President for more than three consecutive terms of office.

The change will remove section 4 (c) altogether.

Reason

We have never to my knowledge had to limit the term of the President. In fact, our difficulty has been to get new presidents. If any president wishes to remain in office your Committee sees no reason why they should not. Most other U3A's do not have a limit like this.

The rest of the section 4 OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION remains unchanged. We still must appoint committee members (section 4 (a)); and limit officers to holding only one office at a time 4 (b).

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that all alterations be accepted.



*U3A Christmas Luncheon: Wednesday, 30th November
Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania (Lindisfarne)*

12:00 - 12.30 start

*Payments of \$50 Due to Beth Jeffrey by Monday,
21st November.*

Christmas buffet, desserts and Tea & Coffee.

Bar Open - Lucky Door Prizes and our annual raffle.

Book your Place or a Table with Beth Jeffrey - 62476329.

*Wishing You All A Very Merry Christmas and
& Happy New Year*

Payment for the Christmas luncheon can be made in cash to Beth Jeffrey or Mary Bolton. Please put your \$50 payment in an envelope marked with your name and 'Christmas Luncheon'. Give it to either Beth or Mary as soon as possible.

If you wish to sit with your friends you need to ring Beth and let her know very soon.

This year the cost has increased. Unfortunately, it is impossible to provide the luncheon at a cheaper price because food costs have increased so markedly. We are assured that the Motor Yacht Club caters very well and it is an attractive venue.

NOMINATION FORM FOR 2023 OFFICE BEARERS

Must be signed by three members

Position on Committee _____

Name _____

Nominated by _____

Seconded by _____

I accept nomination (signature)

Small Increase to Subscription amount:

This year, after considerable discussion, the Committee have decided we need to increase subscription prices. The cost of belonging to U3A Clarence has stayed the same for a number of years now. Our costs have risen in the last few years but we have also lost members due to COVID interruptions and concerns. Subscription is still very cheap in comparison with many other organisations. Subscription in 2023 will be \$50 for the year or part thereof.

New arrangements for entering the Library before the 9.30 opening:

Rosny Library allows U3A members to enter at 9.20, ten minutes before the official opening hour of 9.30 a.m. In future, the door at the far end of the corridor near Room 7 and closest to Services Tasmania, will be the entrance for the set-up crew and U3A members coming to 9.30 sessions. This should avoid misunderstandings with members of the public wondering why they have to wait but U3A people can enter. If you are in the Library before 9.30 you must still follow the rule that we **do not** go into the main part of the Library – just to our sessions. Please speak to Mary Bolton or another Committee member if you need clarification.

Location of Art books

Could any members who know what has happened to the collection of art books belonging to U3A Clarence please let a committee member know. We had a collection of books which the Art classes made use of, however, Terry, our Equipment Officer, has been unable to locate them.

RE-INTRODUCING KALEIDOSCOPE – HELP WANTED

A Kaleidoscope program has always been popular with U3A members, and Term 2's offering, as well as sessions in previous years, have simply proved this. It is, however, time-consuming (and sometimes a little bit stressful) to organise, especially if the person doing so has other duties as well.

Kaleidoscope will be returning in Term 1 next year. Two volunteers have offered to assist me in the organisation of the Term 1, 2023 program and thanks to them we will be able to organise ten speakers without too much difficulty. (Thank you, Jean and Geoff.)

I would like to offer Kaleidoscope every term and am quite happy to co-ordinate the program of speakers, but would be grateful if members who have suggestions and contacts for speakers let me know of their ideas. It only takes ten members with one suggestion each to fill a term's program. If twenty-five members enrol in the Kaleidoscope session, and each person can make one suggestion, and perhaps approach the individual or organisation they have suggested, then we will have more than enough speakers for Terms 2 and 3.

If you have any comments or early ideas, please contact me:

Vicki Paterson: patersonvicki3@gmail.com or call me on 0477638576

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 take over his role – he needs to be able to retire from the duties he has completed for more than twenty-seven years. An easy to use software package will be available for the new Treasurer to use which would make the role much less arduous (speak to Jocelyn Head if you wish to know more!) Len has completed three years as President and is unable to continue in that role. Several other committee members need people to volunteer 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, Sue, etc. about your ideas. It is getting *urgent* that we find replacement Committee and office bearers.

We also urgently need assistance for technical IT services NOW to allow us to communicate with members and prepare the program and enrolments for 2023. Carol is unwell and unable to help with these areas this year.

Terry Mahoney is also very keen to recruit additional people who can help set up and pack up equipment needed to present and run our sessions. This is urgently required as one volunteer has moved to Kingston and we have few others able to do the task.

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

PRESIDENT

TREASURER

URGENT ASSISTANCE

Duties

Chair Monthly Meetings
 Present Term Messages
 Represent U3A Clarence with
 Outside Parties
 Plan Annual Calendar of Dates

Duties

Manage Finances
 Present Accounts for Payment
 Manage Investments
 Public Officer

Technical IT help

Set up crew
 Any other assistance

**MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS:
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2023
\$50 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.