

U3A Clarence Newsletter November 2023

U3A CLARENCE INC.

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DATES FOR 2024

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.

Term 1: begins Mon. 4 March. and ends Wed. 22 May.

Term 2: Mon.17 June to Wed. 21 Aug.

Term 3: Mon. 16 Sept. to Wed 20 Nov.

SESSION TIMES

Mon. and Wed. mornings:

Session 1: 9.30 - 10.25

Morning tea: 10.25 - 10.45

Session 2: 10.50 - 11.50

Session 3: 12.00 to 1.00pm



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER 2023

Hard to believe that 2023 is drawing to a close; time seems to go faster with age despite Einstein's theory of relativity. Your committee has been working hard with forward planning for Term 1 next year and we are always on the lookout for interesting speakers and topics for inclusion (see also Vicki's note below).

I would like to personally thank all committee members, especially Helen and Jocelyn who stood in for me during my absence for the first two terms and Beth for organising many social events through the year. The recent lunch at Drysdale House was particularly memorable and we look forward to the upcoming Christmas lunch.

I have been meeting with the presidents of all of the Southern U3As (five in all) with a view to forming a U3A Tasmania chapter of U3A Australia. This could potentially give us several benefits including to be registrable as a charity or non-profit entity making it easier to apply for grants, receive bequests and lobby various tiers of government etc. Watch this space.

Best wishes to all members for Christmas and the New Year.

John Bothman



Combined U3A 30th Anniversary & Christmas
Luncheon Banquet Style

Tasmania Golf Club

Monday 27th November

Cost \$50 Non Members

U3A will Subsidise cost of \$20 to Full Members

Member Cost \$30 pp

RSVP With Full Name & Phone Number

On Attendance List by Monday 20th November

Money & Full Name in envelope to

Beth Jeffrey 62476329 or Mary Bolton

The Christmas Luncheon/Anniversary function is 12.00 - 4.00p.m.

Payment for the Christmas luncheon can be made in cash to Beth Jeffrey or Mary Bolton. Please ensure you write *your name*, the *amount* and *Christmas Lunch* on the envelope.

U3A Clarence Inc - Important Dates for 2024

Pre- term 2024

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| Newsletter | Mon 15 Jan | | |
| Committee Meeting | Mon 5 February | 10:00 – 12.00 | Room 7 |
| Enrolments Due by: | Mon 19 Feb | | |
| AGM | Wed 21 Feb | 1.30-3.30 | Library, Room 6 Speaker: Sarah Benedeich |

Term 1 2024 Monday 4 March - Wednesday 22 May

No classes will be held on 11 and 13 March and 1 and 3 April (Public holidays occur on the Mondays. So, no classes occur on the Mondays or the Wednesdays of these weeks.)

This gives 10 Mondays and 10 Wednesdays

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| Committee Meetings | Mon 18 March | 1.15-2.30 | Room 5 |
| | Mon 22 April | 1.15-2.30 | Room 5 |
| | Mon 13 May | 1.15-2.30 | Room 5 |
| Enrolments Due by: | Mon 3 June | <i>For Term 2</i> | Please enrol for term 2 |
| Newsletter | Mon 13 May | | |

Term 2 2024 Tuesday 17 June – Wednesday 21 August

This gives 10 Mondays and 10 Wednesdays

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| Committee Meetings | Mon 24 June | 1.15-2.30 | Room 5 |
| | Mon 22 July | 1.15-2.30 | Room 5 |
| | Mon 12 Aug | 1.15-2.30 | Room 5 |
| Enrolments Due by: | Mon 2 Sept. | <i>For Term 3</i> | Please enrol for term 3 |
| Newsletter | Mon 12 Aug | | |

Term 3 2024 Monday 16 September – Wednesday 20 November

This gives 10 Mondays, 10 Tuesdays and 10 Wednesdays

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| Committee Meetings | Mon 23 Sept | 1.15-2.30 | Room 5 |
| | Mon 21 Oct | 1.15-2.30 | Room 5 |
| | Mon 11 Nov | 1.15-2.30 | Room 5 |
| Newsletter | Mon 11 Nov | | |
| Christmas Luncheon | TBA | | |

Pre Term 2025

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| Newsletter | Mon 20 Jan | | |
| Committee Meeting | Mon 3 February | 10:00 – 12.00 | Room 5 |
| Enrolments Due by: | Mon 17 Feb | | |
| AGM | Wed 19 Feb | 1.30-3.30 | Library, Room 6 Afternoon tea and a guest speaker |

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

1.30 pm Wednesday 21st 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. (Nomination form on end page.)
5. To appoint an Auditor.
6. To transact any other business of which written notice is given
7. Light refreshments will be served.

Guest speaker will be **Sarah Benedeich**: a Clarence Council Planning officer to talk about the Council's Plan for the Clarence Hub.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COURSE PROGRAMMER

A big thank you to all members who volunteered to take a course this year and gave us a wonderful variety of classes to attend. Thank you also to those of you who suggested speakers for Kaleidoscope, and often made the arrangements to contact people as well. It has made my job a great deal easier. As well, several members have volunteered to give an address themselves, or, in some cases, volunteered their family members. Now, we **urgently** need someone to take over the running of Kaleidoscope. If two people worked together to do this, it would not take up too much of any one person's time.

Perhaps, you may wish to talk at a Kaleidoscope meeting. I am sure we would all learn some interesting information.

We do need other ongoing help, however, as next term's program is not yet finalised. If you have ideas for a class, and especially if you are willing to run sessions yourself, I would love to hear from you. These courses may be 10 weeks or 5 weeks. Suggestions might include a "Book Chat" course; a series about different aspects of Gardening (this could be conducted by several people); and/or a Music Appreciation group to name a few. If there is something you are interested in, or something you love to be involved with, it is likely other members would like to learn also.

Please consider what you can offer U3A Clarence.

Vicki Paterson 0477638576

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

This year we have been treated to a well organised smorgasbord of delights by our outstanding Social Organiser, Beth Jeffrey. These outings included visits to the old Henry Jones IXL Factory, the Henry Jones Art gallery, the Cascades Women's Factory, a Trivia afternoon and Drysdale's Training Restaurant for lunch.

At Henry Jones, we participated in a conducted tour of the facilities and learnt about how IXL started and how and where the jam was produced. I was amazed that the tasty IXL plum jam that we bought in Queensland had such humble beginnings. We were told that the building has been refurbished to become a boutique hotel, mixed stores and coffee shops.

A week later, we were given a guided tour of the art works at Henry Jones which were on display for the Glover prize in Tasmania. So many talented featured artists were on display and we were privileged to hear about their accomplishments and more importantly, what the many artists hoped to address in their work and the various mediums they used.

At the Cascades Women's Factory, we were guided by a gentleman through a section where the convict women were housed and advised about the women's plight through a monologue by an accomplished actress as well.

On Thursday 4 October, thirty members and/or friends went to enjoy a delicious lunch at the Drysdale's Training Restaurant. Each of the three courses were tasty delights.





MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2024 - \$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 online. 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, Len Spaans.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PAY BY DIRECT CREDIT PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING FORM FOR BANK PAYMENT

Name _____

Preferred name for name tag (new members) _____

Phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Email address _____

Residential address _____

Post Code _____

Method of payment and amount paid: \$ _____

Please provide us *with this form* if you are paying at the bank. You can post it to PO Box 774 Rosny Park 7018.

Membership

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 2024, please follow the instructions on the U3A Clarence website under General Information, then Subscriptions. Or use the information in this newsletter to make the payment.

ALL members will need to pay for a subscription in 2024. If you intend to vote at the AGM, nominate or be nominated for the Committee you must be a financial member.

INFORMATION REGARDING NEXT YEAR:

It is important that as many members as possible attend our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday the 21st February. Please try and make it. The guest speaker's topic should be of interest and you will be able to share afternoon tea with your U3A friends.

FULL ENROLMENT INSTRUCTIONS AND THE PROGRAM OF COURSES TO SELECT FROM WILL BE IN THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER

NOMINATION FORM FOR 2024 OFFICE BEARERS

Must be signed by three members

Position on Committee _____

Name _____

Nominated by _____

Seconded by _____

I accept nomination (signature) _____