

The Third Act

Newsletter of U3A Redlands

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MESSAGE FROM DEBRA BARKER, PRESIDENT

In recent weeks I have attended four very meaningful functions. Two were held at Cleveland District State High School. The first, on 27 February, saw the presentation of badges to the Year 12s. It was a pleasure to see and hear such fine young people on the stage.

The second was the Official Opening of the Paul Bancroft Centre, a multi-purpose hall in the grounds of the High School. It was named in honour of the Executive Principal (on leave) of 30 years, Mr Paul Bancroft OAM. He is a man of great integrity and vision, a champion for the School and a strong supporter of U3A Redlands.



The other two functions were for our U3A Redlands community.

The first, on 8 March, was the tribute to Julie Porteous, our outgoing President with 8 years at the helm. It was a great honour to bestow Life Membership on Julie at this event and, as the speeches proved, there are not enough superlatives to describe Julie's passion and commitment to us, to U3A Network and to the Redlands community.

A copy of the tribute to Julie from Iris Murray, our Vice President, who has worked for many years with Julie at U3A Redlands and U3A Network can be found on our website:

www.u3aredlands.com.au

Photo: Debra Barker, President with Julie Porteous, Past President

The Welcome to New Members function took place on 15 March with 30 members attending. It was a lovely event with a very heartening positive tone from these new members.

(Unfortunately, while U3A Redlanders were exchanging stories, enjoying each other's company and building upon our community, a tragedy happened in Christchurch, New Zealand, trying to tear their community apart.)

The chance to attend such functions and to acknowledge those who are visionaries and leaders, be they young or more mature, is very important, as is the opportunity to become acquainted with our new members and encourage their participation.

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Mother's Day Competition

Kim Richards, our local member in the Queensland State Parliament has donated a beautiful China cup, saucer and plate and ***an invitation for two to High Tea at Parliament House.*** In fewer than 50 words whom do you consider epitomises the values of a good mother?

And why? The person who submits the nomination must be a current U3A Redlands member but the nominee does not have to be. It could be your mother, your daughter, your neighbour or your spouse.

Email your entries, by Friday 5 April, to newsletter@u3aredlands.com.au, for your chance to win this amazing prize and spoil that special lady at a High Tea at Parliament House. The winner will be notified by email and announced in the April newsletter.

*Cut off date for submissions to the April 2019 newsletter is Friday 5 April 2019.
Email submissions to newsletter@u3aredlands.com.au*



2019 U3A Network Qld State Conference Bundaberg, 16-17 May 2019

Network, meet new people, gain new ideas,
experiences and motivation

Conference registrations now open

**Full details and registration at:
www.u3aqldconference.org**

COURSE UPDATES AND INFORMATION

***A full list of class information can be found on our website
www.u3aredlands.com.au***

- Armchair Travel*** ***Thursday 4 April*** ***Russia, Janese Lowe***
- Breakfast Club*** ***Sunday 31 March*** ***Thyme Cafe, Thornlands***
- Camera Club*** ***Wednesday 20 March*** ***Field Trip - Historic Cleveland***
led by Kay Weston
- Wednesday 17 April*** ***Speaker: Victoria Purdy***
- Coin & Stamp Group*** ***Thursday 21 March*** ***Topic - Flora***
- Life in Australia*** ***Co-ordinator & 1st term leader: Glenice Palmer (Ph.3398 1592),***
Monday 18 March ***Captain Roger Rusling***
Ernest Shackleton - the heroic age of Antarctic exploration
- Monday 25 March*** ***Ferry trip to North Stradbroke Island***
- Monday 1 April*** ***U3A Redlands Singers***
- U3A Ramblers*** ***Thursday 28 March*** ***Tingalpa Creek Reserve, Ransome***
- U3A Botany in the Bush*** ***Thursday 21 March, Starting 7.20am,***
Coochiemudlo Island, via ferry from Victoria Point

WANTED: We are currently looking for Tutors in Auslan, Mandarin, French, Japanese or any other languages.

If you feel you could help with this, or you think you could offer another course for U3A members, please contact either of the Tutor Liaison Officers.

CANCELLED: Beginners Italian with Greg Cudmore has been cancelled for the rest of Term 1

NEW COURSES FOR TERM 2: If you are interested in the following courses, please contact the Office to register your interest for the course

Financial Planning for the Over 50s - an 8 week course

Contract and Consumer Law

Astrology - Know Yourself

Total Beginners Italian - with Greg Cudmore – calling for interest. Please contact our office at admin@u3aredlands.com.au to be put in touch with the Tutor.



Happy Campers! Members of the newly formed U3A Caravan, Camping and Cabin Club having fun at the Esk Caravan Park in February 2019



WANTED:

- **Volunteer to help out with the Newsletter** - if you think you could spare a couple of hours a month, please contact Chris Hendry at newsletter@u3aredlands.com.au. Typing skills and computer literacy would be an advantage
- **CD player in working order** for the U3A group Listening to Classical Music. If you have a fully functional CD player you are happy to donate to this group please contact the office on 3821 3888 or email Janis at admin@u3aredlands.com.au.

Have you heard of U3A Online - have a look at their website www.u3aonline.org.au. Their website is very informative, and in particular their monthly publication 'GEMS for Inquiring Minds' - which gives links to brief, readable research summaries, published in the last 30 days, that may help to improve your quality of life.

Sunday 24 March 2019, 10.00am - 3.00 pm - Heritage and Harmony Fiesta

Redland Museum celebrates the Redlands rich and diverse multicultural community with a fun packed program including: music, dance, kids' train ride, & First5Forever story corner & crafts.

Redlands history will come to life with the heritage displays inside the museum, and period costumed characters

Bryan Iles, a tutor at U3A Brisbane running classes about the history, geography etc of China, is arranging a tour to China in October 2019. If you are interested in finding out more about this tour please contact Bryan at: email: bryaniles@bigpond.com;

1-30 March 2019 - QMIR Berghofer Medical Research Institute is hosting the World Science Festival. Presented by Queensland Museum, we travel across Queensland allowing you to explore the entanglement of science and art through a curated program of thought-provoking conversations, interactive workshops and engaging demonstrations. For more information please visit their website: www.worldsciencefestival.com.au.

Ormiston College invites U3A Redlands members to a special preview of their final dress rehearsal of their production ***Mary Poppins - The Broadway Show*** on Wednesday 8 May 2019 in the Lingo Lin Performing Arts Theatre, commencing at 12 noon and finishing at 3.00 pm. Cost will be \$5 and guests will be treated to morning tea in the theatre forecourt prior to the show. Seats are limited so book early by contacting Peta Raftery by phone: 3821 8999 or by email: p.raftery@ormistoncollege.com.au.

DATE CLAIMERS

Monday 25 March 2019 ***Life in Australia***

Ferry trip to North Stradbroke Island

Cost: \$50, Tickets available from U3A Office or Life in Australia

Thursday 16 May - Friday 17 May 2019 ***U3A Network Qld 2019 State Conference***

The Conference "Break Out of Your Shell" will be held in Bundaberg. Full details can be found on their website www.u3aqldconference.org.

Registration closes: 4th May 2019

Saturday 29th June 2019 ***U3A Redlands Singers Annual Concert***

2.00 pm at the Star of the Sea Parish Centre

Sunday 22 September 2019 and Sunday 29 September 2019

U3A Theatre Group – Tentative show dates, details to be confirmed