



President's Message

From Janese Lowe

Life has been rather busy since our last newsletter. May 12-13 was the U3A State Conference in Stanthorpe, where it was great to catch up with U3A friends from all over the state.

May 22, I enjoyed the camaraderie of the volunteers who assisted at the Celebration of Volunteers Expo at Raby Bay Harbour Park. Together we spread the word about all the wonderful classes that U3A Redlands District has on offer. Thank you for your help everyone.

Lately I had been so involved with Presidential duties, that I had been missing my usual classes. So this month, I decided that my priority would be to attend Social Dance, Petanque and also our new three week Mosaic Short Course.

Attending courses and socialising is what U3A is all about and I thoroughly enjoyed all my classes, plus I got to meet some lovely ladies at Mosaics.

It is very easy to stop attending activities when you get busy for whatever reason, but it is not so easy to get started again. Please make the effort to reconnect with classes and friends. You will be glad that you did.

Who made the effort to watch the Lunar Eclipse on the evening of 26 May?

A blood moon is another name for a total lunar eclipse. I can't say that it looked very red to me, but I wasn't going to miss the special event, when it only happens every 2-3 years.

We viewed it from our home while listening on ABC radio to Kelly Higgins-Devine, who was broadcasting from Mount Coot-Tha, which was crowded with enthusiasts. Sorry no great photos to share - I tried and failed.

Have you heard about the school fence?

It was a Qld Government directive that a fence be erected around the entire perimeter of the Cleveland District State High School and that the gates would then be locked during school hours. This has nothing to do with Covid and eventually all schools will be obliged to do the same.

As a consequence, the U3A Office is locked away behind the "big black fence" between the hours of 9.30am to 2.30pm. All is not lost, you can visit us when the gates are open between 9.00am to 9.30am, or you can arrive at the locked gate and give our office a call (on 3821 3888) and we will come out to let you in.

This Government directive won't stop our office from operating, it just makes entry a little tricky. We are trying to find a more practical solution, but you will need to be patient, as the school will have to agree as well. Please don't be strangers, and continue to visit us when necessary. Jules and our volunteers are waiting to serve you.





*Best wishes to all our U3A
Redlands members and
friends having a Birthday in
June*

Newsletter Contributions:

**July Newsletter cut-off date is
Monday, 5 July 2021**

Please send articles, group news & photos to:
newsletter@u3aredlands.com.au

NEW CLASSES STARTING IN TERM 3

Be Connected Computer Program

***Haven't seen the grandkids for a while?
Can't make it to the shops this week?
Need a hand to use your device?***

We can help you take the first steps in being more confident with the internet and to use your smartphone, computer or device:

- learn to video call friends and family;
- order groceries to be delivered;
- discover a world of entertainment online;
- find a recipe, knitting or crochet pattern, and
- find new or old friends who share your interests and hobbies.

If you've never used a computer before, or you just want help with your current device, join this class to learn more with friendly local support.

Free Classes 10.30am, Monday 12 July
at Birkdale School of Arts.

Register your place with our 'Be Connected' Co-ordinator, Debbie Mitchell by emailing debbie.dl.mitchell@gmail.com or phone U3A Office on 3821 3888.

Class Timetables - ENROL ONLINE
www.u3aredlands.com.au

IPHONEOGRAPHY



Now open for new intake.
Course commencing 12 July 2021 until
November 2022.

Enrol first on the U3A Redlands website www.u3aredlands.com.au before contacting Lurline (0405 112 656) for further information regarding course.

A Brief History of DNA

From Mendel's peas to vaccines and gene therapy, learn about the birth and development of molecular biology and the ways in which it has transformed our lives - and continues to do so.

Dr. George Chapman asks for expressions of interest to reprise this popular series of seven (7) talks, scheduled for 9:30 – 11:00 every Wednesday from 8 September to 20 October at the Nook, Redland Museum, Smith Street, Cleveland.

Phone George on: 3459 2321
(0432 975 825)
or the U3A Office: 3821 3888.

Further details supplied on request.



Life in Australia

PROGRAM FOR JULY
9.30 – 11.00 am Mondays
Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland

- 14 June: **Meet the U3A Redlands District President and Secretary and Partners.** President Janese Lowe and Ian and Secretary Joan Johnstone and Eddie
- June 21: **A Life of Music & Service** - Patrick Pickett, Queensland Pops Orchestra Conductor and Director
- 12 July: **Australia's Involvement in Wars post-WW2 – Costs and Consequences**
Annette Brownlie, Retired Nurse and President, Independent and Peaceful Australia Network
- 19 July: **Railway from Manly to Cleveland** - Greg Hallam, Queensland Rail historian
- 26 July: **Australia's Naval Involvement in WW2**
Mike Sobrya - Retired Naval Officer; Board Member and Volunteer with Queensland Maritime Museum

REDFEST STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



Organisers are calling for entries in the Home Made and Home Grown competitions and asked if any U3A Redlands members would be interested. The Home Grown and Hand Made exhibits have competition

categories for all ages in gardening, craft and cookery. For more information, check out the Redfest website to download the Home Grown & Hand Made Handbook and Application by using the following link.

<https://redfest.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Exhibitor-Handbook.pdf>

POEM

By: *Quentin Turner-Smith.*
(Morning Saturday, 8 May 2021)



Reflection of life

Though it is often that I try
To reflect the beauty of the sky
Nothing compares to this morn
Bright orange cloud, harbinger of dawn
The one other cloud enhancing
And as the sun now advancing
the orange ball now so bright
Has swept away the night
The orange cloud of reflected light
Has now changed to a different hue
The vapour in the sky, duck egg blue
Now white apricot against a royal blue
The rising ball of sun, there for everyone
Reflecting off a light blue sea
The sun, now two suns, reflecting straight
at me
Inside I lower a dark blind
So that, and through which, I can see
An analogy, a reminder of life that is not so
kind
Once we lived outside this blind
In a world of colour, affection, warmth, fun
and ecstasy
Now this world is hard to see
Only a reminder of how it used to be
Behind this blind within
We live a life in light so dim
As if the rising sun is still below the rim
A reflected life of what once had been
A dull reflection of what we had lived and seen
The surrounding day so bright outside
Only in the mind,
can you lift the dark heavy blind
see the bright light, go outside
up to you, only you within, can decide
perhaps join U3A for companionship and a
brighter day

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Six U3A Redland delegates joined with over 100 delegates from as far away as Cairns and the Atherton Tablelands to attend the 2021 Network Queensland State Conference, hosted by U3A Granite Belt in Stanthorpe on 12 and 13 May.

On day one, Vice President Julie Porteous presented a popular workshop on Applying for Funding, which was very well received by those who attended.



Vice President Julie Porteous and President Janese Lowe



Past Vice President Iris Murray and Janese Lowe

The conference was a great opportunity to network, meet new people and gain new ideas. Our U3A Redlands contingent and partners also took the opportunity to stay a little longer in Stanthorpe to socialise together while enjoying the best of what the region has to offer.

Congratulations to Julie Barnes and her organising committee for such a successful event.

During the conference, it was announced that U3A Pine Rivers will be the hosts of the 2022 State Conference.

Conference Photography Competition Winners.

The Coolest U3A Photography Competition.

The winners of the photo competition were **Maureen Harvey from Brisbane U3A** and **Wiert Mensinga from Atherton U3A**.

U3A Granite Belt expressed their thanks to all those members, who contributed to this very popular competition.

CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERS EXPO

Thank you everyone for your assistance on the 22 May at the Celebration of Volunteers 2021 at Raby Bay Harbour Park, Cleveland. We believe that we achieved our aim to increase awareness of U3A Redlands District, and the facilities we offer.

This photo was placed on U3A Redlands District Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/www.u3aredlands.com.au/> with the caption "The Blue Team" and we received 291 views! Way to go U3A Redlands.

Our full roster of helpers on the day included Col Sutcliffe, Mary Smith, Jenny Lewis, Karen Buhmann, Joan Johnstone, Mary Curtin and Maurice Ryan. Many hands made light work over a long day. Much appreciated.



From L to R: Julianne Whitehead, Beryl Sutcliffe, Janese Lowe and Di Colefax with our customer Ian Lowe. Thanks to Mary Smith for taking the photo.

NEW SECURITY RULES - Cleveland District State High School

As part of a Queensland Government initiative the school gates at Cleveland District SHS (where the U3A Office is located) will now be locked between 0930am and 1430pm.

If you are visiting U3A Redlands before 0930am, you will have unrestricted access to the U3A Office. If, however, you visit between 0930am and midday, you will need to either:

- Phone the office 3821 3888 when you arrive at the school, and Jules or the Volunteer of the Day will unlock the gate for you (please use the main gate leading to the School Admin building) or,
- Go to the School Admin block and ask them to phone Jules.

We know this is an inconvenience, however it is Qld legislation and will be happening in all schools, both primary and high, across the State. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and understanding.

Writing for Pleasure

The pen is mightier than the sword.

Recently one of our members, Ruth Cooney went on a journey back to the past. Here is her story:



About six months ago, my cousin John took me back to my home for the first ten years of my life.

The army granted Dad a soldier settlement in Central Western Slopes and Plains of NSW. It was a 36,000 acre piece of flat, saltbush plain. I was 12 months old when Dad had our house built. There soon followed a meat house where the slaughtered sheep, pigs and beef were hung up and chopped up for cooking. Another separate building housed the generator room for our power, a grain storage room and a wash house, with a huge copper bowl set in a large cement block with a fire beneath to heat the water for our washing.

Gone was the fence around the house, the wire clothesline with the prop in the middle as well as the outdoor dunny. The chook pen and the pigsty were also long gone.

We left there in 1960. You will see by the photo all that is now left of the many, many memories I have of my first home.





U3A Redlands Theatre Group Presents



The Happy Go-Lucky Aces

Join the “studio audience” for a 1940’s radio play starring radio’s original comedy couple, John and Jane Ace. Once again, Jane faces life’s little challenges in her unique style while all those around her have to face the challenge of Jane.

Act 1 sees Jane juggling jury duty, upsetting the “court” and everyone in attendance. In Act 2 Jane has her eye on a mink coat, a must-have for every woman, but John has to plan some tricky business deals for Jane to get her wish.

Studio audiences will be entertained by guest artists and ***The Starlight Dancers***.

Sessions: 2.00pm Saturday 12th and 19th June 2021

Admission: \$10 Adult/\$5 Children (includes tea/coffee and biscuits)

Thorneside Community Hall, 200-204 Mooroondu Road, Thorneside

Tickets available at U3A Redlands office from 26 May 2021 or at the Door



In an EMERGENCY
dial TRIPLE ZERO
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Police contact call
POLICELINK
131 444

Crime Prevention Corner

How to Be financial and cybercrime aware

R U in Control? Is a prevention message and provides proactive strategies to enable you to use your electronic devices safely. Some of the strategies you can utilise are:

Email – when you receive an email, look at who is sending it. If you do not know the sender do not open it, click on any links or open any attachments. Delete it.

SMS – don't reply to messages from someone you don't know or reply to a message that requests identity information.

Scams – scams look like the real thing. Be aware and protect yourself. If it sounds too good to be true...then it probably is.

Social Media – ensure your privacy settings are strong. Control who you befriend, do not accept friend requests from people you do not personally know.

Mail – use a secure letter box. Shred or cut up your disposed mail.

For further information on current scams or to report a scam, visit www.scamwatch.gov.au

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