

Welcome to 2023.

We certainly had a exceptionally good start with a bumper attendance at the General Meeting on 7th February. The Activities Expo was a resounding success. The build up to U3a State Conference in May is gathering pace and judging by the amount of interest shown from overseas, fast moving away from being a "State" Conference and blossoming into a "Worldwide" Conference



A very small selection of the activities which were on show at the Expo. From the left we have Ukulele, Mahjong, Photography, Bird watching, Garden Lovers, Days for Girls, Writing for Pleasure and Embroidery.

Mahjong's gift to conference success



At our hugely successful Expo on 7th February at the Frenchville Sports Club, Cynthia Drane, coordinator of our Tuesday and Friday Mahjong groups, presented a donation of \$500 to Henry Cope, Chairperson of the Conference 2023 organising committee.

Mahjong players pay \$2 each time they play the funds raised are used towards afternoon tea supplies and venue hire, With increasing numbers attending mahjong, there is a surplus at the end of each year. This year, it was decided that excess funds would be donated towards the 2023 U3A Network Queensland Conference and 50th year celebration!

Photo: Cynthia Drane presents a cheque to Henry Cope, the Conference Committee Chairman.

U3A Network State Conference 2023 – Rockhampton

Conference Theme: 'U3A Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow'

The U3A Network Queensland State Conference 2023, hosted by U3A Rockhampton from 8 to 11 May 2023 will celebrate 50 years of U3A worldwide. The Rockhampton organising team have arranged an impressive lineup of guest speakers and events that will make this conference an event to remember.

Theme for the Conference is 'U3A Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow'.

This Conference marks the 50th Anniversary of U3A and will attract international guest speakers including Professor Francois Vellas, President of AIUTA (Association of International Universities of the Third Age) and Professor Maria Chester, Secretary General AIUTA (via video link).

[Profiles of all guest speakers at the Conference](#)

Register early and you could win the Early Bird Prize: a refund of your registration costs for Days 1 and 2 of the conference. Value \$110. The only condition is that you have registered for these two days of the conference before 31 March 2023.



ROCKHAMPTON - AUSTRALIA

Conference Timetable:

- **Day 1 (9 May) – Network Conference & Celebration of 50 years of U3A** (CQU)
 - Check-in & Lanyard Issue at 8:00 am
 - Conference commences at 8:30 am
 - Lunch & Morning/Afternoon Tea provided (Lanyard Required)
- **Day 2 (10 May) – Network Conference & Celebration of 50 Years of U3A** (CQU)
 - Conference commences at 8:30 am
 - Lunch & Morning/Afternoon Tea provided (Lanyard Required)
- **Day 3 (11 May) – Network Conference & Network Annual General Meeting** (CQU)
 - AGM commences at 8:30 am
 - Morning Tea & Lunch provided (Lanyard Required)

Events:

- **Meet and Greet (8 May)** (RMOA)
 - Canapes and drinks – Commences at 5:30pm
 - Art Competition Exhibition & 'People's Choice' Award Judging
- **U3A 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner (9 May)** (RLC)
 - Celebration Dinner – Commences at 6:30pm
- **U3A Network Queensland Dinner (10 May)** (RLC)
 - Conference Dinner – Commences at 6:30pm
 - Art Competition Presentation



A few words from our Conference Chairman and Vice President – Henry Cope

The Conference is, finally, nearly upon us. We first heard we had been granted the privilege of hosting this Conference almost two years ago and back then it seemed we had oodles of time, but as you all know the older we get the faster the time seems to speed by. My Committee and I have worked tirelessly to make this a memorable occasion, so please click on the link below to register and join in the fun and welcome our overseas and interstate guests.

Registrations for the conference are now open go to u3aqlld.au/conference2023/ and explore all the details.

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FEES

Annual fee: (1st Jan. - 31st Dec. 2023) \$20.00
Mid Year fee: (1st July - 31st Dec. 2023) \$10.00
Joining fee (includes name badge): \$10.00

Check out the Quarterly Flyer in colour

<https://www.u3arockhampton.org.au/images/mar23.pdf>

**A few words from
our President
Cheryl Wickes
0428 452 836**



Hello everyone!

Welcome to a whole new year at U3A.

I can't believe it is almost 12 months since we held our last AGM when I took on the role of president. The time has certainly flown, looking back however and considering what we have all achieved during that time, I am happy to declare 2022 a success.

It was a year of consolidation as we came out of the Covid crisis. As with every club and organisation, we lost a significant number of members due to the pandemic and have worked hard to rebuild our membership base.

Also we have simplified our operations somewhat. At the time of the AGM last March, our U3A was managed by a committee of twelve. Committee meetings were long and often irrelevant for many present.

Now we have condensed that committee down to an executive of six who handle the day-to-day business of the club with the remaining six office bearers forming

a subcommittee. If they wish to raise an issue with the executive, they can do so at any stage. This decision has met with approval from all the members who run our U3A and has helped streamline our operations.

All our committee members and office bearers have put in a huge effort, with many performing in several roles.

Lenore has been working hard updating the constitution, plus many treasury and insurance requirements for U3A. She has also filled the safety management role, but has decided to now step down from that position. After all the work she has put into our club over many years, she certainly deserves our thanks and a break. Therefore, either someone with experience in safety management, or someone with basic good common sense is needed to fill this position.

Our Social Coordinator, Bev, has given us back all the fun events that we missed during the worst of the covid outbreak from 60's trivia to whale watching, visits to Archer Park Railway Museum and the Heritage Village and of course, finishing the year with a very successful Christmas Luncheon.

During the year we started offering one-off workshops again with mosaics at Emu Park and 'Writing your own Memoir' with author Patty Beecham and plans are underway to bring you many more fun workshop options in 2023!

Of course, 2022 was also the year that we agreed to host the U3A Network Queensland Conference in May this year and this has been our main focus for many months now.

I will leave it to Henry to bring you up to date about the conference... suffice to say that the usual Network conference has now become an international celebration of 50 years of U3A worldwide! We will need many volunteers to help out during the Network Conference... but more on that later!

All members can say is, 'Thank Heavens for Henry Cope and his team!' They are doing an amazing job and we can look forward to a fabulous event firmly putting Rocky on the national and international U3A map!

At our AGM for 2023, all positions will be declared vacant at the meeting. I ask everyone to consider nominating for a role in the running of our club. Especially for the positions of publicity and safety officer, which are currently vacant.

I thank everyone who has helped throughout the past twelve months, from committee members to the volunteers who sell raffle tickets and pour our morning teas. You are all wonderful, and greatly appreciated. Well done!



**Ms Kim Harrington, GCertMgt, BAAVTHRD(Hons) DipPM
Associate Vice-President Rockhampton and Central
Highlands Regions and VET International Business
Development**

You may recall reading in the last quarterly flyer that CQUniversity appointed Mr Graeme Innes AM as its fourth Chancellor. In December, Mr Graeme Innes AM was officially installed as Chancellor at the CQUniversity Rockhampton Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 6 December 2022 by Her Excellency, The Honourable Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland.



Mr Innes hoped his appointment would be an inspiration to everyone and that it would also encourage people to not place limitations on others. Mr Innes is committed to promoting education and access to education, it is our most powerful tool when it comes to overcoming disadvantage and creating change. The Rockhampton graduation ceremony also saw more than 500 graduands be conferred with their degree.

The construction of The School of Mines at the Rockhampton North campus is expected to be completed by March 2023. The new facility will accommodate state of the art equipment and technology and will build on existing and new courses. Most importantly, this facility will support the ever-evolving needs within industry. Watch this space!

In Gladstone, CQUniversity Marina Campus will commence the delivery of classes in the new School of Manufacturing from early 2023. The new school of Manufacturing will support the skills needed of future workforces within the advanced manufacturing and hydrogen and renewables industries. The School of Manufacturing (Gladstone) and the School of Mining (Rockhampton) were made possible thanks to Commonwealth Government funding.

In March, CQUniversity will welcome and deliver Term 1 Orientation 2023 to new students whilst eagerly preparing for the return of current students to online and on-campus learning. CQUniversity Rockhampton is planning to host Neighbour Day events at both Rockhampton North and City campuses on the 22nd and 23rd of March 2023. Neighbour Day is a celebration of community and encourages people to make connections near, far or online. In May, CQUniversity is collaborating with Advance Rockhampton and the Rockhampton Manufacturing Hub to host the Capricorn MEGA Careers Expo in the Rockhampton Region. Businesses will have the opportunity to showcase their business and connect with their future workforce, local high school students and job-seekers.

I look forward to sharing more details about our upcoming events and activities in the second 2023 quarterly flyer.

You can read up on these events, plus more in the latest edition of our FREE Be Magazine, to subscribe, please email be@cqu.edu.au



**Nick Quigley's
important Tech Tips
0428 851 874**



I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

I splurged on Boxing Day and bought a new fast laptop. My old one is 5 years old and getting tired.

My Desktop can't be upgraded to Windows 11 and it also is 5 years old, but as long as it keeps going I'll keep using it with windows 10.

Now is the time to think and be very careful when on the World Wide Web. I bet you can't spot the differences at first glance.

Spot the Difference?

maybank2u.com is not the same as maybank2u.com

citibank.com is not the same as citibank.com
(the first one is correct, the second one is from hackers)

The "a" in the later url is a cyrillic alphabet.

An average internet user can easily fall for this. Be careful for every mail requiring you to click on a link.

Please Stay Alert

Do you know the difference between HTTP:// & HTTPS:// when you open up a website address?

Keep this in mind!! Especially those of you who order online. This is how hackers get your information.

I don't know how many of you are aware of the difference, but it is worth sending to anyone who does not.

The main difference between <http://> and <https://> is all about keeping you secure.

HTTP stands for Hyper Text Transfer Protocol. The "S" stands for "secure".

If you visit a website or web page, look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following: <http://>. This means that the website is

talking to your browser using the regular "unsecured" language. In other words, it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with the website. If you fill out a form on the website, someone might see the information you send to that site.

This is why you never **ever** enter your credit card number in a <http://> website!

But if the web address begins with <https://>, that basically means your computer is talking to the website in a secure code that no one can eavesdrop.

If a website ever asks you to enter your credit card information, you should automatically look to see if the web address begins with <https://>. If it doesn't, you should **NEVER** enter sensitive information such as a credit card or savings account numbers and passwords.

U3A Rockhampton has two committees working for you. The second one is working on a Very Special Project **U3A Network Queensland 2023 State Conference** in May 2023 and we will be **Celebrating 50 years of U3A worldwide**. Such an event will pull together many U3A Groups. Henry Cope and his dedicated committee are working long hours to ensure this Conference is remembered in the History of Rockhampton.



Calling all our U3A artists. When you view the Conference web page, check out the rules and enter this Art Competition. I know we have some extremely talented artists in our midst.

U3A ART COMPETITION
Network Queensland

ENTRY CATEGORY: ART COLLAGE
THEME: 'U3A YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW'

Collages may be in any materials to depict an artist's interpretation of the life experiences of 'Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow'

First Prize: \$200 | Runner Up: \$150
People's Choice Award: \$50

Competition opens 1 February 2023, Closes 21 April 2023
Winners announced at U3A Network State Conference

Entry forms, conditions and details available at u3aqld.au or email networkartcompetition@u3aqld.au

An exciting line up of
social activities organised
by Bev Meredith
Text 0410 341 843



*Come and join our History Group
and learn more about Rockhampton
and Districts past. Contact
Ann Findlater
0400 766 112*

**All activities will require payment before your
booking is confirmed.**

MARCH

Wednesday 15th March 2023.

- St Aubins Village.
Garden Tea and Tour of St Aubins Heritage
House. \$30pp

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

- Light Lunch Fitzroy Cruise \$45.00pp
- **Friday 31st March 2023**
City Lights Fitzroy Cruise \$23.00pp

APRIL

Friday 28th April 2023

- Barefoot bowls. Rockhampton Bowls Club.
\$30.00pp includes BBQ and bowls.

MAY

- **May 2023.** Conference activities.

JUNE

Friday 30th June 2023.

- Coxscomb Veterans Bush Retreat
BBQ \$15.00 Bar open.

JULY

Wednesday 19th or 26th July.

Mt Morgan historical tour

- Pie Lunch at Hall. July 2023.



The U3A History Group meets on the 3rd Monday of
each month at Oaktree Park Avenue in the community
centre at 2pm. A different subject is chosen each
month relating to a local piece of history in this area.
We always find interesting snippets of our history.



U3A Chorus Singing Group Contacts

***Lindsay Soanes 4922 7099
Ann Findlater 0400 766 112***

The U3A Chorus meet each Tuesday morning at the
Walter Reid Building in the Youth Orchestra room at
9.30am. Because of covid we hadn't been able to do
much singing but finished off last year with a
wonderful performance of Carols and Christmas songs
on the lawn at the Uniting Church in Campbell Street.

At the moment we are practising for an Irish
Luncheon on St Patrick's day.

Cost is \$3 per week which includes morning tea. No
experience of singing or music is necessary as most of
us haven't sung before.

For more information phone Lindsay on 0403334102
or Ann 0400766112.



BIRD WATCHING
*Come and join us, enjoy the
great outdoors and learn
about our beautiful birds.*
Rod Elder 4928 4383



HAPPY NEW YEAR from Rod and Jeanette

In December we had a great day for Birding at Kinka Wetlands – maximum temperature 29C and 24C overnight, light winds, some cloud with very light misty rain for brief periods. Fortunately a big hat was sufficient to keep us dry. The wetland consists of mangrove marine and less saline couch marsh.

Birds sighted were Black-necked Storks, once called Jabiru, Red-capped Dotterels, Black-fronted-dotterels, Dollar Birds, Sun birds, Stilts, Pelicans, Sea Eagle and Swans.

Morning tea was at the well-kept and serviced Bluff Rock picnic area. We were accompanied by two Scrub Turkeys and a family of five Magpies who wanted to share our food.

Pictures were taken by Ian Ewings.



**The Bird Group has been to the
following venues -**

Wool wash and surrounds.
Mt Etna National Park
Kershaw Gardens including Moore's Creek.
Peters Wilsons Place at Stanwell
Dump Lake and Elphinstone St Park
Southside Gardens and Murray Lagoon
Kinka Beach wetlands
Mt Archer

**Potential venues with relatively easy access, easy
walking and birds -**

Norbridge Park
Lake Mary
Morning tea at our place and go through bird
pictures if raining
Lyn Garland's place near the power station.



*Come and join our
friendly Garden Lovers
Group and enjoy gorgeous
hidden gardens around
Rockhampton.*
**Joan Cooper
0458 060 447**



Garden Lovers had a great 2022 and I have been working hard to ensure that we have lots of things to see and do during 2023.

At our Christmas breakup we had some brain storming for topics for the new year. Plans are in place for the group to view more private gardens, which are always inspirational. Also guest speakers who will impart great gardening information and answer our garden questions. Join us this year if you would like to feast your eyes on lovely plants and get ideas for your own garden.



**An Octopoem from Judy Whitworth, Writing for
Pleasure Group
ROCKHAMPTON**

Rockhampton's summer days
Of intense heat and humidity
To travelers from abroad it's known as the City of Sun
Sweat and Tears
With the Evil Day Star glaring down on us from under
its canopy of strong azure
Only remnants of clothing left after layers are removed
to try to gain **some** relief
Even the wood is hot when we flop down on seats to
gain relief for aching feet
Air-conditioners hum magically, musically, to equalise
the mean temperatures and
Cool tropical drinks give succor to failing energies –
our only respite.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Contact
Christine Dobe
4926 1845



Hello From Days For Girls

We meet the 3rd Monday of the month, 3 Gladstone Road, Fred Fox Hall from 1pm till 3pm.

All welcome no sewing experience required.

We also exercise our talking and laughing muscles.



Cards & Scrabble

Kym Jacobi
0438 778 438



Some members enjoying playing Cards

We meet 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings at 9am-11.30am. We play for a while, have morning tea, then play some more. We enjoy card games Hand and Foot & 500. Scrabble and sometimes Canadian Golf or Quiddler. Come along and have a go. Cost \$2.



SATURDAY WALK & CHAT GROUP

Contact
CHRISTINE DOBELE

Hello from the Saturday Walk and Chat Group

We meet at Queens Park on Glenmore Road at 5.50am for 6.00am start.

If you and your pooches would like to join us please do. We all walk at our own pace. Don't forget the POO bags if you are accompanied with your favourite {four legged} companion!

We exercise our talking muscles as well as our walking muscles not to forget the all important cuppa at a chosen cafe as a finale.



Rain will not stop play



But sorry, if you become cold, Jane's pooch has booked this spot.

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**Current Affairs
Discussion Group
Contact: Lance Cowan
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Have you ever had strong opinions on a subject but always felt no one was listening, then come along and join our Current Affairs discussion group and be sure you will be heard.

Our first meeting for 2023 attracted 11 attendees.

Topics for this meeting, which caused some “lively” discussion were:

- The Indigenous Voice to Parliament
- Threats to our Australian way of life 2023-2030
- Introducing mandatory 10year drivers licence tests
- Reduce homelessness with more low cost housing.

With the increased numbers we may have to consider extending our meeting time to ensure everyone gets an opportunity to express their opinions.



**Monthly lunches
organised by our own
vivacious Robyn Edwards
0438 284 871**



The U3A monthly lunches are held on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Venue for the March monthly lunch is the Glenmore Tavern on Monday 13th March at 12 midday.

Venues are selected on a month to month basis and are posted on the U3A Facebook page and in the monthly newsletter.

During the cooler months, I plan to have a picnic lunch in the park and also a lunch at St. Aubins Tearooms, which was a popular venue last year.

Christmas in July lunch on Monday 10th July will also be held. Venue to be announced.

These lunches are proving to be very popular and is a great place to have a chat and meet new friends.



Group of U3A lunch goers puzzling a quiz while waiting for lunch

**Joke from our happy
Treasurer
Lenore
Cook**



A man boarded a plane with six kids. After they got settled in their seats a woman sitting across the aisle from him leaned over to him and asked, "Are all of those kids yours?" He replied, "No. I work for a condom company. These are customer complaints."

Joke courtesy of Rita Diplock

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anaesthesia, he asked to speak to his son.

"Yes, Dad, what is it?"

"Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."

Writing for pleasure
contact
Peter Wilson
0407 620 356



ideas and growing into the largeness of life that precedes learning. Giving is another way to create newness in our lives. With it comes harmony and harmony is created in music, art, literature and construction. Harmony is not random like my bedroom floor. Harmony is thoughtful, organised activity.

Have you ever thought about the organisation of a leaf and how it harmonises with the branch, trunk and roots? Taking carbon from the atmosphere to build wood fibre and roots to support the leaves with water and minerals from the ground. What a wonderful idea is life.

New! I have mentioned literature. Forming words into a fresh story with startling outcomes at the finish. As these scenes grow in your thinking, you have an activity that keeps you new, fresh and alive. The more these thoughts harmonise with the world we live in, the more believable your story.

So let us in this new year, continue to grow with harmonious activity in producing our writings for each other.

Writing for Pleasure (or WFP) meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays 9 am to 11.30 am at Fitzroy by Teman. We are given a subject to write on beforehand. If your creative powers cannot come up with anything to write on that given subject, then we love to hear anything you may have written.

We have a lot of fun and are non judgemental, so if you are new to this group and may be a little shy, then just come along and listen.

Subjects given for March are: Black Nighty (or Black Night) and White Night (or Knight) your choice.

The subject given for one of our past meetings was: NEW. Below is an article written by Peter.



NEW

by Peter Wilson

Growth can be physical and mental. At our place it has rained and the grass in our paddock has turned green with fresh growth. The beginning of twenty-three has brought precious new leaves to our trees and grass. Yet there are still dead branches for me to pick up before I mow. Bird nests are degrading and falling. I keep finding used egg shells on the ground that indicate new life had taken wing and joined the chorus of morning calls and evening's good nights. The cycle of life goes around and newness is found.

New! Growth is always new. The way to overcome ageing is in mental growth. The accepting of new



***Another Octopoeem from Judy
Whitworth (WFP)***

ROCKHAMPTON

We have a summer and a winter here
Mostly it's just continuous heat with about a week of cooler nights.

Rockhampton, nestled in a hollow in Central Queensland 'twixt the mighty Berserker and Athelstane Mountain Ranges, lies with its Sun burnt browns and bushfire grays - drab against the blue of hills and sky - but

Utilitarian and functional, trisected by the great Fitzroy River and a railway line

Humming with traffic, bees and ants

Sending beef worldwide from its huge Abattoirs – but no longer anything from our Sugar Cane Mill, Cotton Ginnery, Peanut and Pineapple Factories dead years ago.

Rockhampton survives.

*More tweets from our
enthusiastic bird watcher
Coordinator
Rod Elder*



**Last words from your
editor Leslie Smith**
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Collective hawking by several bird species

by Rod and Jeanette Elder 4 January 2023

Today 4/1/23 we saw several bird species all hawking/feeding on a flight of termites. It was 6.30 am with the start of a hot 38C degree day and lightly clouded sky in Frenchville, Rockhampton. All the hawking was being done in a space between the height of a 2-story house and up to 4m above. It was difficult to see the termites as unfortunately we had no binoculars. However after catching a termite the birds would land on a nearby power line to feed on their catch and then back for more. The feeding frenzy only lasted for about 10 minutes after we spotted them but could have been going for some time. Termites usually release their new (flying) kings and queens all at once and in large numbers. Mating occurs in flight so the birds may have been catching two for one.

Emerging termites are regarded as a rich food source by some human groups. They are trapped as they emerge from the nest. (I observed this happening when I lived in PNG – Ed.)

The number of birds and bird species involved, first drew our eyes to the feast. There were up to 20 Blue-faced Honey eaters, a couple of Torresian crows, Pied Butcher birds, 3 Fig Birds, a Spangled Drongo, a Little Friar Bird and 2 Black-faced Cuckoo Shrikes.

We have rarely seen this feeding event and only twice with a termite emergence.

Torresian Crows were the predator on a previous occasion also in Rockhampton where they were feeding on a beetle emergence.

The only other occasion was in Kurumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria in September where there was a perched swarm of Spur-throated locusts (grasshoppers). The predators were Whistling Kites, which had gathered in large (?40) numbers. They would catch a locust on the wing and feed on the head whilst clutching the prey in their talon's. Once done the released the carcass would spin down like a helicopter as the insects died with their wings held out horizontally.

I enjoy putting together the Flyer, each page becomes a challenge, especially as it usually takes me a whole day to complete one page. It becomes more of a challenge when I am struggling for content.

There are twelve pages to fill. So I implore upon members to send in your stories. I am sure you all must have stories to tell of incidents that have happened in your past lives. So please sharpen your pencils or flex your fingers and either email or post your reminiscences to me.

The Flyer is published every three months and the closing date for submissions is two weeks before the end of the month prior to the general meeting. The next Flyer is due on the 1st June so I will be looking for submissions to be in by 18th May. However, saying that don't let this be a hindrance to sending your stories – there is always the next Flyer.

May is going to be a very busy month with the Conference taking up most of our time but if our hard working group coordinators would take a few minutes to put together a brief summary of subjects talked about or places visited for inclusion in the June issue.

Photographs are valuable also and I realise a few amongst us are not sufficiently up with the technology to be able to send jpeg images. If you have a photo you would like published – then please hand to me I am able to scan and print the photo and return to you.



Which bird is that? Bird watching at Murray Lagoon

As a happy finale I have put together a collage of happy memories from 2022.



A few excellent photos of birds taken at Murray Lagoon on a recent bird watching excursion.

