

U3A Townsville Inc



Newsletter

3rd Quarter, 2011



Dates for Your Diary

2nd November 2011 Last day for Newsletter Submissions For 4th Qtr Newsletter	Wednesday 24th Aug 2011 PICNIC IN THE PARK At Sheriff Park, presented by Townsville City Council as part of Seniors Week.	Friday 18th Nov. 2011 CHRISTMAS FUNCTION 10 am at the Annandale Community Centre
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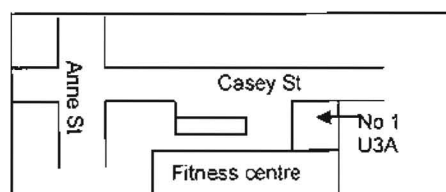
ATTENTION ALL TUTORS

Could quarterly attendance sheets be completed and
handed in to the U3A office (Monday mornings,
between 10 am and 11.30 am)
or mailed to U3A PO Box 374, Aitkenvale, Qld 4814.

University of the Third Age Townsville Inc.

Website: <http://members.westnet.com.au/u3atownsville>

Our office is located at 1 Casey St, Aitkenvale, 4814.
And open 10.00 am – 11.30 am Mondays. Ph (07)4779 0550,
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The office is manned by volunteers on **Monday mornings**, from **10.00am till 12.00**. New member Fees can be paid in person during this time. The phone number is 4779 0550

U3A TOWNSVILLE INC. WEBSITE

I would like to advise all our members that our new website address is:-
<http://members.westnet.com.au/u3atownsville>

On this website you can read your newsletter and get any updated information. To save trees and expenses members are asked to contact the office by email to receive your newsletter by email, instead of the printed, posted hardcopy. Those who prefer the printed version will still receive it as usual upon request.

24 HOUR MEDICAL ADVICE LINES

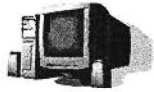
Thanks to Maryborough U3A

GOVERNMENT – 13HEALTH (1343 2584)

Queensland Health has a 24-hour phone line service – 13HEALTH (1343 2584) – for all Queenslanders to help take the worry out of health concerns. You can phone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for the cost of a local call.

PRIVATE – 1300HEALTH (1300 432 584)

1300HEALTH is a PRIVATE national medical and health advisory service that is available 24 hours a day, all year round. This is **not a free service**. Fees are as follows: **\$29.90 for the first 5 minutes and \$6.00 for each additional minute**, however, you will be able to speak to a qualified doctor within a few minutes. You can discuss your problems with the doctor and be given a considered solution straight away.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



When the idea of The University of the Third Age was being established back in the early 1970s, a committee of retired people would visit a university and negotiate a contract for the use of its facilities and staff for teaching. This meant that a U3A could only operate if there was a university conveniently located close by. There was a growing feeling that that it should be possible to form a local U3A anywhere. All that was needed were enough interested people and a tutor. It was also felt that the curriculum should be as broad as possible and that it should be managed by the people themselves. Eventually the link with universities disappeared – there was no distinction between the “teacher” and the “learners”.

These days, U3As are composed of relatively disparate groups of people with similar interests. To help co-ordinate these groups, a few volunteers manage the day-to-day administration, including keeping a database of members, printing name badges, organising a quarterly newsletter, arranging for public liability insurance, and co-ordinating classes and field trips. However, another important function of U3A is to try and bring together as many groups as possible for some “cross-fertilisation”. One such function this year was the mid-year Open Day held on the 17th June at the Annandale Community Centre. This was attended by over 80 people who thoroughly enjoyed both the interaction with others, and the entertainment in the form of a fashion parade. To add to the occasion several different groups set up tables to display their activities, which was very popular. I would like to thank all those who helped to arrange this successful occasion as well as those who came along to participate. Well done!

Graham Collins

URGENT CALL TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

Judy Nutt, as a volunteer, has been doing the catering most admirably for all our U3A functions 3 times a year for quite some years now. She and her offsider make the tea and coffees, serve cold water and juice and set out the lovely dishes of finger food brought along by our members for our consumption.

They then clean up afterwards, and present our empty plates, sparkling clean, back for our collection at the end of each occasion. Her most recent offsider has moved away from Townsville so, an urgent call is being sent out to all members of U3A, asking if **someone** would **please** care to volunteer a small amount of their time to assist Judy with the catering.

Your help would be most appreciated as it is a job made easier by two. Anyone who feels they may be able to assist please call Graham Collins on 4789 0590 as soon as possible.

- Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana

CLASS NEWS

WATER WALKER'S GROUP

During the cold months this class is in recession. I anticipate restarting the group again in October at Riverway Lagoons. Interested members please contact me about the end of September for details; Sonia Elek Ph. 4723 7109

OUTDOOR PAINTING GROUP

Outdoor Painting Group, with Sylvia Hayes. Starting Wed, 27th July, at 1pm...free class. Meet at NQPA, 15 Flowers St. Bring a fold up chair, board with clip or a stable-table, paper or canvas or board to work on, paints or pencils or crayons. Work in your preferred medium. If you have a portable easel that would be great.

We will be painting outdoors in different locations each week, meeting initially at Flowers St, and travelling from there. Bring some food and drink to keep your creative juices flowing! We will have 2 hours painting as a group in beautiful locations in and around Townsville. Many thanks, Sylvia

WANTED: The drawing and painting group is trying to source small portable easels and wonder if any of our members have an unused easel that they would like to sell. Please contact Sylvia Hayes on Mob: 0428 030 040 if you can help.

PHILOSOPHY

The Philosophy class meeting days have been changed from Wednesday afternoons to Monday afternoons. This change has been included in the timetable.

However, Members please note that the meeting room is unavailable to us on 8th August and again on 3rd October 2011.

PERC TUCKER GALLERY - 1st Friday Guided Tour.

Whilst attending another function I was asked by a newer member of U3A if, "... that 'Tea & Pickies' is just for members to have afternoon tea at the Gallery isn't it?" Certainly not!

It's much more than that and if you wish to have access to an informative guided tour of the latest exhibition at the Gallery and learn more about what influenced the artists in their work do join us there on the 1st Friday of each month.

All you have to do is phone the Gallery on (07)4727 9011 for catering purposes and arrive by 1:15pm to pay your \$2:50 for afternoon tea on the Balcony then sign the U3A roll.

The "Strand Ephemera" will be the major exhibition in September and the meeting point was not confirmed at the time of this newsletter's submission deadline.

However, attendance is always an event because the Tour Guide may be the Curator or exhibiting artist/s or one of the well-informed Gallery Staff or Volunteers.

The afternoon tea/coffee is also a tasty pleasure for a really good price on the Balcony.

Check out the spectacular "Zhongjian Midway" which runs until the 18th September and "Townsville in Black & White and Pen & Wash".

MOVIE APPRECIATION GROUP

Don't own a computer or mobile phone? Don't want to knit or do craftwork? Not into academic subjects but still want to join in, then, how about meeting a few like minded people and joining a Movie Discussion Group? Nothing serious, chat about films over coffee/tea and biscuits, once a week in a garden setting. Interested? Ring Joan Kemp on 4779 6050 for details. Proposed starting time Thursday 25th August 2.30 – 4.00 pm.

THE NAMING OF AUSTRALIA

A new course for the history buffs, this one about Australian history. Anne Matthews will present "The Naming of Australia, the Matthew Flinders Story" at the Aitkenvale Library meeting room starting with part one on Friday November 11th at 2pm to 3pm and continuing with part two on Friday November 25th (two weeks later) 2pm to 3pm.

This break between the lectures is because our Christmas function falls on November 18th.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the U3A member who dropped off the Toyota stone chip guards at my home. It was a very generous gesture and gratefully received. Jenny Sebba.