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**New classes and updates****Computers- Basic PC** - Tutor: Laurie Zaat

A basic computer course begins on Monday 3 February at Booval campus. It will run over three (3) weeks from 10:00 am until 12:00 midday on consecutive Mondays. There will be a maximum of four (4) students only per class. The course will repeat after each previous completed course while demand warrants. Each student will be provided with a fully configured Windows 10 personal computer. You should NOT bring your own PC or laptop as each student requires identical configurations. Click here to see the full details:

<https://u3aipswich.org.au/>

Upon completion, students will have a basic knowledge and understanding of the various components of personal computers to confidently operate and maintain them optimally; identify common issues and problems often encountered with them, and initiate early, basic remedial action to regain full functionality; and how to manage files and other data in the Windows environment.

**Computers, Cloud & Confusion** - Tutor: Geoff Mayhew

Jan 15 – Feb 19, Wednesday 1pm – 3pm Booval Campus. This class covers the everyday use of mobile phones and tablets, home computers, internet and photo storage. Please call Geoff Mayhew on 043 1515 017 to request a place in the class.

Upgrade your Windows 7 computer to Windows 10 for free - Tutor: Geoff Mayhew

Geoff is proposing to run a series of 4 hour workshops in February/March to enable members to bring in their laptops (or desktops if they can manage to bring them in) and he will assist you in performing the official Microsoft upgrade. There is a limit of 6 people at each workshop to be held on Wednesdays from 10-2 (byo lunch). Anyone interested should call Geoff on 0431 515 017 (leave a message or SMS if no answer) or shoot off an email to [geoff.mayhew@gmail.com](mailto:geoff.mayhew@gmail.com)

**Slow Stitch** – Tutor: Judy Collis

Judy will be offering this new class in Term 2. It is a stitching class using cheap recycled materials, the only cost is cotton. It is meditative and enjoyable and could be of interest to embroiders, crafters, and sewers. Judy would like to hold the class at Woodend on Tuesday from 11 – 12.30 beginning in Term 2. Please register your interest by calling the office on 3282 7484.

## **Zumba – Tutor: Peter Boldeman**

Peter will offer a Zumba class on Wednesdays at 2:30pm to 3:30pm at the Woodend Campus. This is suitable for beginners. Start date to be advised. Give it a go, sounds like fun! Call the office on 3282 7484 to register.

**Yoga for Health** with Sandra Kovac at Booval Campus on Tuesday will start at the new time of 9am until 10am as of next week .

**French and Movement to Music** - Tutor: Marie Davidson will resume French on Monday 24 February and Movement to Music on Tuesday 3 March.

RECRUITING !

**Could you be A Tutor e.g. a language, a craft, a skill.** You don't need qualifications - just a passion for your subject, or **A Facilitator e.g. choir, sewing group etc.** We are looking for people to take on new classes. Tutor Coordinator, Amanda Schloss would love to hear from you. Call 0403 690 576

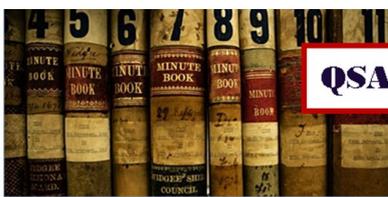
## **Tuesday 3 March – Queensland State Archives**

SeniorNet Ipswich is inviting U3A members to join this special

event at the Queensland State Archives – 435 Compton Road, Runcorn. QSA provides a "First Steps Workshop" plus a tour of their facilities.

Register before Monday 24 February by contacting Barbara Bottenberg, SeniorNet Social Coordinator. Phone: 0424 031 045 Email: [barbzee@bigpond.com](mailto:barbzee@bigpond.com)

CAR POOLING: U3A members need to organise their own transport but if you would like to link up with the car pooling departing from Booval Fair, get in touch with Barbara.



**QSA: First Steps Workshop + Tour**

**Tuesday 3 March, 2020**

## **Wednesday 11 March - Margaret Olley Art Centre**

Travel from U3A Booval to Tumbulgam for a coffee stop and to take in the sights of this lovely little river town. Stretch your legs, take a breath and enjoy the serenity while we have morning tea. From here, we will travel to the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre where you'll have the opportunity to view multiple displays and artworks.

Following the Gallery viewing, we venture to Snapper Rocks and enjoy a lunch with a view.

Cost per person: \$90.00 [includes transport, morning tea and lunch]. Depart from U3A

Booval (25 Eileen Street) at 8.00am – Return about 5:30pm

Register with Karen MacLeod – Mob: 0423 306 790 or Email: [k.macleod2512@gmail.com](mailto:k.macleod2512@gmail.com)



## **From The President.....**

Our Open Day last month went very well, in spite of the unbearable heat. Open Day 2020 did throw up some issues which we are addressing and your Management Committee has therefore appointed a small sub-committee to review our Open Day structure and recommend improvements.

For one, it was good to see that the number of members paying electronically before Open Day has increased substantially. If more members start paying on-line prior to Open Day that would make it much easier for us to process new members and record their class registrations.

The committee will also be looking at the timing of the event so that we have a reasonable period to implement changes or initiatives before the start of the U3A calendar.

There were many suggestions for new classes as well, some of which look like being able to be implemented without delay. There was, for example, strong interest in forming a U3A choir and we may have actually identified one of our members to take on the role of choir leader.

More on that in due course.

Our analysis of Open Day cascades into strategic areas we must address – waiting lists, inability to get into popular course, a need for more tutors, our ability to service all of Ipswich, not just 'central' Ipswich. That means Rosewood and Springfield – all the areas that now make up the council district of Ipswich.

You are reading this in our first e-Newsletter and I hope to help update you all on Management Committee issues on a regular basis in this e-Newsletter. However, we are also examining the use of group emails to send short, sharp messages in between e-Newsletter dates. We will be mindful, however, not to bombard your inbox because the delete button is never far away.

The U3A Network Queensland State Conference will be held in Redlands on June 2 and 3. I will be attending the Wednesday morning Presidents Council but the conference is open to all U3A members and there are a range of registration options at different prices so I encourage you to have a look at it and attend. The more members we have attending these events the better informed our members will be on opportunities and initiatives U3A Ipswich might be able to pursue. Here is the link <https://www.u3aqlldconference.org/>

Under the banner of the International Association of the Third Age, Rhonda Watson, President of U3A Toowoomba, has invited the Presidents of U3As in Queensland to attend this conference which will be addressed by Professor Francois Vellas, President of the Association of International Universities of the Third Age. There will be a number of speakers, a Mayoral reception, an official dinner and a morning tea hosted by the Executive Dean of the University of Southern Queensland. I shall report on this conference in our next e-Newsletter.

It is a long way off before our AGM and elections for the Management Committee but I do want to flag that we already know we desperately need people to consider standing for two crucial positions – Treasurer and Secretary. This is my first mention of that but I'll keep reminding you.

You will also be pleased to know that we have our new head lease with Glebe Road Uniting Church signed and sealed with a small acceptable increase.

But as our income is almost entirely dependant on membership fees we must be reviewing other forms of income so we'll be ramping up our access to grants. Amongst our membership there will surely be many ideas of where we could be looking for grants so please let us have your ideas and suggestions. Till next time

Ian Muil, U3A Ipswich President

### **From the Volunteers Coordinator**

I would like to thank everyone who kindly expressed an interest in becoming a U3A Volunteer during 2020 enrolment. I am contacting everyone to see what type of volunteering interests you. We always have room for more. In particular, we need some additional Office volunteers who are available on Mondays and Tuesdays between 10am and 12pm once or twice a month. Come and join our fantastic team. I provide one-on-one training and will shortly be holding a morning tea to get to know you better. Please do not hesitate to phone me on 0407 342 059 if you would like a volunteering opportunity. Julie Laughlan

### **2019/20 Management Committee**

<b>President</b>	Ian Muil
<b>Vice President</b>	Karen Doolan
<b>Secretary</b>	Marie Davidson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rena Wright
<b>Committee Members</b>	
Minutes & Membership Officer	Yvonne James
Volunteer Coordinator	Julie Laughlan
Tutor Coordinator	Amanda Schloss
	Norah Blunden
	Glenda Chaille
	Ros Nugent

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[Facebook](#): look for U3A Ipswich West Moreton Inc.

Office Hours: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon - Staffed by volunteers. Always call ahead.

Free on site parking on grounds of Uniting Church, Corner Glebe Rd & Green St.

Make sure to bring the exact amount if you are coming in to pay your membership. The office does not keep a float.

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