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Connecting Seniors to Lifelong Learning

From the President



Deslyn Taylor

Hello all

2024 is drawing to a close. I hope you have enjoyed your classes and are starting to think about classes for 2025.

Enrolments will open at the end of this month.

Management Committee Update

Membership

Our current membership as at 27 October is 3188.

We still need to keep growing so I would ask you all to continue to help, by –

- collecting some posters from the U3A office and placing them on notice boards
- leaving brochures (which can also be collected from the office) at places in your area where they might be picked up
- talking to your friends about the benefits of joining U3A, particularly as we are about to open enrolments for 2025. This is the time for a big push to increase membership.

Classes

We have a wonderful array of classes – **but we need more classes and more tutors.**

Remember, if you are interested in a topic, or have some expertise in it, then please come and share it with a group of like-minded people either as a Tutor or a Facilitator.

Contact Gail Hawkins now so you can be included in classes

for Term 1 2025.

Enrolments open soon.

Being a Tutor at U3A is a wonderful experience.

Contact Gail on tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au if you are interested.

Future Planning

Later this year we will update our Strategic Plan.

If you would like to have input into our planning, then please complete this survey.

<https://forms.gle/7BV7geJG49U1XkS36>

We value your assistance and ideas.

Regards, Des



PLEASE NOTE: U3A closes for the year on 6 December 2024

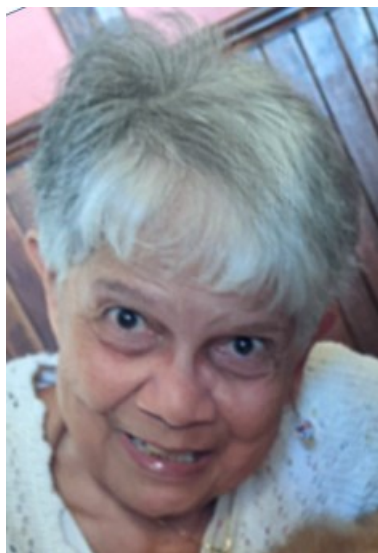
Enrolments for 2025 open on 24th November.

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SO YOU CAN ENROL FOR 2025

U3A Social News



Heather Dowling

Next-year outing: *Sister Act*, a divine musical comedy

REMINDER!

While it seems far away and we are probably beginning to concentrate on Christmas activities, just FIVE tickets are now left for the show.

These will need to be reserved and paid for by **29 November**.

Musical shows are in so much demand for these days that the Lyric sends reminders early for people to buy tickets.

If we leave it too late, U3A won't receive any.

Why not ask your significant other to treat you to a ticket, as a Christmas present?



If you enjoyed the *Sister Act* movies, you will also enjoy the Brisbane stage production in March 2025.

With Motown-inspired music from Alan Menken, the mishaps and “nuns on the run” is a happy story of finding your voice and singing out with your sisters.

QPAC likes us to reserve theatre tickets early if we want reasonable seats. (2025 diaries are already available.)

Date: Wednesday, 12 March 2025

Time: 1.00 p.m.

Place: QPAQ Lyric Theatre

Just 5 tickets available.

Price: \$70.00 concession; \$100 adult.

Please let the U3A office know (ph. 3236 3055) whether you want concession or non-concession tickets when you book or pay for tickets.

Closing: Friday, 29 November

Performing: Casey Donovan as Deloris Van Cartier, Genevieve Lemon as Mother Superior and Rhonda Burchmore as Sister Mary Lazarus – three of the most extraordinary talents ever to grace Australian stages.

Qld Pioneer Steam Railway, 2 November 2024



A gremlin must have been in the QPSR, as the dates for the above trip changed a couple of times while I was away.

My thanks to my colleagues who

looked after the social area in my absence. All tickets for the trip were sold.

I will take some photos of the trip and have them posted on the website Social Events page and in next month's eNews.



Wishing everybody a wonderful Christmas, with particular thanks to members who suggested outings this year.

– Heather Dowling

Mother tongue

Linda Daniel has responded to the call to share special sayings from her parents:

- *Your hand will wag above your grave!* (Said to children who hit their parents.)
- *No wha smoke me baccy.* (Would you like some of my tobacco.)
- *Yer daft apeth.* (You silly thing.)
- *Gling Gling* (England).
- *Wash your fizog.* (Wash your face.)
- *I have eyes in the back of my head.*
- *If they were dead, they wouldn't have the wit to stiffen.*
- *She tries to live above her station.*

Does YOUR family have special words or sayings to share?

From Northside Coordinator



Rod McLary

Electric Vehicles 101

Phil Browne is presenting his class again later this term, on **Friday 29 November**.

Details of the time and venue are in the class description.

During the session Phil will cover topics like –

- the characteristics of EVs
- how to charge your EV, including from home solar
- plug types and cables
- improved battery tech
- cost to buy an EV (some less than \$35,000 drive-away)
- and many others.

You will learn all you need to know about EVs.

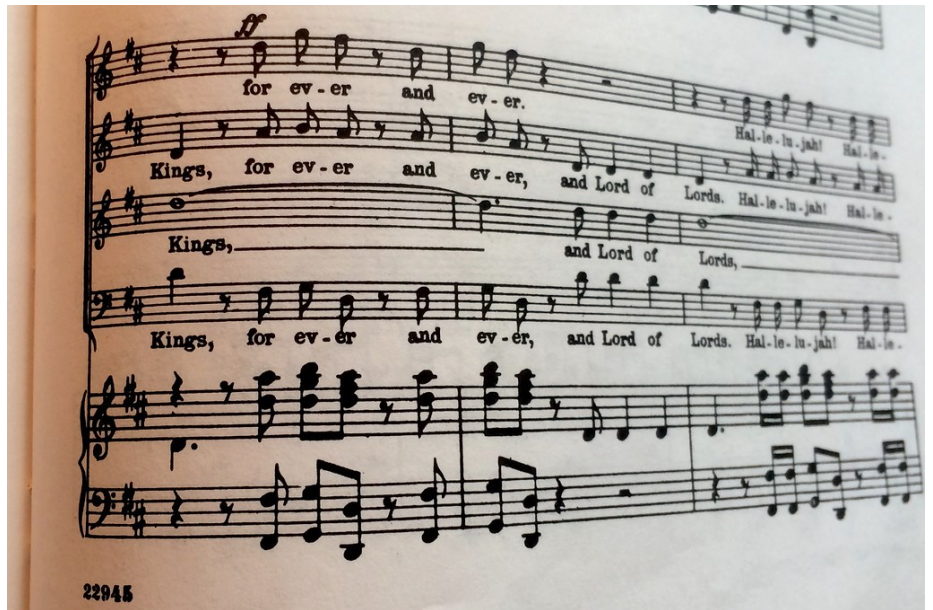
For an entertaining and informative session, come along on 29 November at Gasworks.

Egotist (n.)

A person of low taste, more interested in himself than in me.

– Ambrose Bierce,
The Devil's Dictionary

Handel's Messiah, anyone?



THE QUEENSLAND CHOIR sings HANDEL'S MESSIAH on December 8, 2024

Details:

Join the Queensland Choir –

- for just three weeks of rehearsals
- to take part in Brisbane Sings Messiah
- conducted by Kevin Power OAM
- Sunday, December 8, at 3 p.m.
- in Brisbane City Hall.

Are you time-poor?

Do you wish to sing in a performance of Handel's great masterpiece, but don't have the time to commit to singing with the choir throughout the year?

This biennial performance provides an exciting opportunity for you.

Registration

Please join us for this exciting event.

Registrations are accepted on a first-in, first-served basis and close once soprano, tenor and bass lists are full.

We have sufficient altos at this time.

Interested singers should contact the choir now.

To register, see <https://qldchoir.com/joinusformessiah>

Questions?

Please contact bsm@qldchoir.com

Get tickets here

Tickets for the performance available via

<https://4mbs.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/140687>



Around the traps

with Linda

Hello everyone,

Theatre profile: Nash Theatre, New Farm

Located within the Merthyr Uniting Church at 52 Merthyr

Road, New Farm, this theatre has everything going for it.

There is (was?) an annual radio play as its first play of the season, and they put on many plays that the other theatres don't, such as Shakespeare and other classics such as *The Crucible*, *Sweeney Todd*, and one I can remember has the most delightful transvestites!

This theatre has very comfortable seating, and they also do wonders with the stage setting, considering it is part of a church.

Their space for refreshments pre-show and during interval is under awnings outside, and it has a very lovely ambience.

Tickets range from \$20.00-\$25.00. As usual, there are matinees as well as night plays.

NOTE: details of all plays below are correct at the time of printing.

But please check with the website or contact the theatre group before booking.

—Linda

PLAYS – NOVEMBER 2024

Growl Theatre, Windsor 0438 548 426 growltheatre.org.au	<i>The Book of Will</i>	2 pm: sold out 7:30pm: Nov. 1, 2, 8	Adult \$20 Conc. \$17 6+ \$15
Villanova Players, Seven Hills 0423 920 832 Villanovaplayers.com	<i>My Fair Lady</i> , Musical	2pm: Nov. 30 7:30pm: Nov. 29, 30	Adult \$35 Conc. \$30
Mercury Theatre Via website or mercurywynnum@gmail.com	<i>Scotland Road</i>	2.00pm: Nov. 3, 17 7:30pm: Nov. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16	Flat price: \$25
Sunnybank Theatre 3345 3964 sunnybanktheatre.com.au	<i>I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change</i>	2:00pm: Nov. 9, 16, 17 7:30pm: Nov. 8, 9, 16, 22	Adults \$28 Conc. \$26
St. Luke's Theatre 0493 778 379 Stlukestheatre.asn.au	<i>Christmas Belles</i>	2:00pm: Nov. 16, 23, 30 7:30pm: Nov. 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30	Adults \$28 Conc. \$22 Group \$20
Centenary Theatre, Chelmer 0435 591 720 centenarytheatre.com.au	Agatha Christie's <i>Verdict</i>	2:00pm: Nov. 23 only 7:30pm: Nov. 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30	Adults \$27 Conc. \$24 Group \$27
Ipswich Little Theatre 3812 2389 ilt.org.au	<i>Bondi Legal</i>	2:00pm: Nov. 24 sold out 8pm: Nov. 22, 23, 29, 30	Adults \$25 Conc. \$21

PLAYS – NOVEMBER 2024

Nash Theatre New Farm 0418 719 300 Nashtheatre.com	<i>Murder on the Nile</i>	2:30pm: Nov. 30 7:30pm: Nov. 22, 23, 29, 30	Adult \$25 Conc. \$20 Group 20% off
Mousetrap Theatre Redcliffe 0417 759 868 mousetraptheatre.asn.au 474 Deception Bay Rd, Deception Bay	<i>Mousetrap Family Christmas Show</i> Table Seating	7:30pm: Nov. 29, 30	Adult \$25 Conc. \$20 Family 4 \$65 Member \$15
Beenleigh Theatre Group 3807 3922 info@beenleightheatregroup.com	<i>Strictly Ballroom, The Musical</i>	2pm: Nov. 23, 30 7:30pm: Nov. 22, 29	Adult \$35 Conc. \$30

PLAYS – DECEMBER 2024

Centenary Theatre, Chelmer 0435 591 720 centenarytheatre.com.au	<i>Agatha Christie's Verdict</i>	2 pm: Dec. 6, 13 7:30pm: Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12	Adults \$27 Conc. \$24 Group \$27
Nash Theatre New Farm 0418 719 300 Nashtheatre.com	<i>Murder on the Nile</i>	7:30pm: Dec. 6, 7	Adult \$25 Conc. \$20 Grp 20% off
Ipswich Little Theatre 3812 2389 ilt.org.au	<i>Bondi Legal</i>	7:30pm: Dec. 6, 7	Adults \$25 Conc. \$21
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Beenleigh Theatre Group 3807 3922 info@beenleightheatregroup.com	<i>Strictly Ballroom, The Musical</i>	2pm: Dec. 7 7:30pm: Dec. 6, 7	Adult \$35 Conc \$30
Villanova Players, Seven Hills 0423 920 832 Villanovaplayers.com	<i>My Fair Lady, Musical</i>	2pm: Dec. 1, 7, 8 7:30pm: Dec. 6	Adult \$35 Conc. \$30

Gloria Elena Massi: Nuestra amiga y profesora de Español en U3A

Gloria Elena is such a beautiful name. Gloria Elena Massi, pictured below, was our Spanish teacher at U3A for more than 10 years and we absolutely loved our classes and our teacher.

She gave so much to U3A over the years as a volunteer, teaching Spanish language.

She passed away in August 2024, so we now pay tribute to her and acknowledge just how much she helped to make U3A what it is today.

Gloria taught three Spanish classes every Wednesday:

beginners, intermediate and advanced.

People wishing to join used to complain that they could not get into Gloria's classes because her present students would never leave!

We were fortunate to be among the ones who committed and didn't leave her class until 2022 when, sadly, ill health meant that Gloria had to retire.

Spanish class with Gloria was fun and entertaining.

For many of us lifelong learners, it was a place for laughter and learning about one another as we shared our life stories, what we loved, our families, and travels in Spanish.

Throughout the disruptive time of Covid, some of us continued to meet at different times and in

different places.

The Botanical Gardens at Mt Coot-Tha was a favourite location and Gloria was in her element there as she loved the gardens and the plants.

She was a great conversationalist.

Although we wanted to speak in Spanish, it wasn't long before our foreign language vocabulary deserted us and we reverted to English in order to hear Gloria's stories about her interesting life.

In class, we learned of her experiences living in El Salvador, her country of origin, her time in Miami, Florida, USA, and life after migrating to Australia in 1989 with her husband Alfredo and family.

Gloria was the mother of four, with 11 grandchildren.

The strong cultural value of nurturing family life was her priority.

The classes and time she spent with students at U3A helped it to become a thriving community where Gloria felt valued.

She felt grateful that she could contribute by sharing the complexity and beauty of the Spanish language.

This opportunity and commitment to her classes and students was a great source of joy and friendship both for Gloria and many who attended.

She was greatly loved and will be remembered.

— Robin Lake





In front of this year's entries in "The Bradleys", starring Costa Georgiadis, are, from left, Tutor Carol Owens, students Ann Seery and Ian Hadwen.

– Photo courtesy of the Village Voice

Northside U3A's portraiture class

is currently exhibiting its works at the New Farm Library until 27 November.

Participants' skill levels developed as they experimented with various portrait challenges and techniques.

Brisbane U3A Northside Creative Portraiture class is an energetic group whose members are currently exhibiting their portraits in the New Farm Library until 27 November.

The exhibition features portraits of ABC radio presenter Rebecca Levingston, who recently modelled for the class under the jacaranda trees.

Rebecca is the instigator of the ABC's Bradley Portrait Exhibition, and this year's muse was Costa Georgiadis, *Gardening Australia* host.

Many of the 24 class members drew or painted Costa, and several of these emerging artists have theirs on display.

"We're delighted that so many of the class have begun experimenting with a range of mediums and this makes our current exhibition one of our most colourful so far," Tutor Carol Owens said.

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Above: "The Rebeccas", after ABC radio host Rebecca Levingston modelled for the class.

Photo: Carol Owens



Above: Curator team, front to back: Anna Mickelburgh, Janet Mogridge, Kay Lester, Ann Seery, Jannette Guzman Velasco, Carmel McCormack and Ian Hadwen.

Photo: Carol Owens