

# Live and Learn

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Yes, I shouldn't put this sort of stuff on the front page, I know... Some of the work of the Culinary Delights crew. I can resist anything except temptation.

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## FROM THE EDITOR....

Even though most of us are retired (from paid work, at least), there is never going to be enough time to see and do all that we'd like to. If health and finances permit, we might get part way through our individual wish lists, but I've never met anyone who said, "Well, that's it, I've experienced everything there is I could want to." (And if I had, I'm not sure I'd believe them anyway.)

U3A offers us the opportunity to at least participate second-hand in the things that other members have done and are doing in their lives. And it's great that so many are willing to share what they've learnt, so that we might perhaps be inspired to broaden our horizons and challenge our thinking. In the next few months we can go chasing feral animals with Dr Peter "Piggy" Pavlov, or help manage Kakadu National Park with Dr David Jones. Alf Hogan will unravel some more of the mysteries of your smart phone. We can stay close to home with several talks based around Atherton, or visit places like the Atacama Desert and Bhutan.

Most of us have spent a fair part of our Third Age travelling. When Pauline and I retired we upgraded our travelling accommodation from a tent to a camper trailer (and we're still the poor relations at every campground! Some people must have sold not only their house to buy their touring rigs, but a couple of the kids as well.). I know not everyone wants to stand up in front of a group to share their travel stories. But if you would like to send me a couple of paragraphs and a photo or two of the highlights of your latest trips, I'm sure members would love to read about them in future newsletters. So please feel free to contribute your experiences. Send them to my email at [erreygp@bigpond.com](mailto:erreygp@bigpond.com).

And if even that prospect is too daunting, come along to our Picnic in the Park on Saturday 13 August and just chat to other members over lunch and a cuppa. We're heading off on our next excursion three days after the picnic, so a few more timely camping tips won't go astray.

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Barbara Whybird

U3AAT is now ready for second semester with courses posted on the website and also emailed out, or posted to members who are not online. Some of these courses are very popular, so it is a good idea to register early. As always the program committee under the leadership of Jane Duncanson has done a remarkable job. There are many new courses and as well your ongoing favourites are continuing.

To celebrate Seniors' Week, we will be holding a Picnic at Tinaroo Park on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend, as it is a way of meeting people and sharing ideas with other people who belong to the same organisation as you.

Three members of U3AAT attended a North Queensland Network meeting held in Cairns earlier this year. This was a great opportunity for us to meet with Network Queensland to gain insight on how other U3A organisations are run. The Management Committee meets on the second last Friday of each month. If you have any new ideas about activities that we could provide, please let us know.

I look forward to meeting you at Tinaroo Park.

The following arrived in my inbox recently (thanks Frances Pelgrave). Unfortunately it had no attribution to acknowledge, but apologies to Banjo Paterson anyway.

[Clancy@theoverflow](mailto:clancy@theoverflow)

I had written him a text  
Which I'd sent, hoping the next  
Time he came into mobile coverage  
He'd have time to say hello.  
But I'd heard he'd lost his iPhone,  
So I emailed him from my smart phone,  
Just addressed, on spec, as follows:  
[clancy@theoverflow](mailto:clancy@theoverflow)

And the answer redirected  
Wasn't quite what I'd expected  
And it wasn't from the shearing mate  
Who'd answered once before.  
His ISP provider wrote it  
And verbatim I will quote it:  
'This account has been suspended:  
You won't hear from him any more.'

In my wild erratic fancy  
Visions come to me of Clancy:  
Out of reach of mobile coverage  
Where the Western rivers flow.  
Instead of tapping on the small screen,  
He'd be camping by the tall green  
River gums, a pleasure  
That the town folk never know.

Well, the bush has friends to meet him  
But the rest of us can't greet him:  
Out there, even Telstra's network  
Doesn't give you any bars.

He can't blog the vision splendid  
Of the sunlit plains extended  
Or tweet the wondrous glory  
Of the everlasting stars.

I am sitting at the keyboard,  
I'm too stressed out to be bored  
As I answer all the emails  
By the deadlines they contain.  
While my screen fills with promotions  
For 'Viagra' and strange potions  
And announcements of the million-dollar  
Prizes I can claim.

But the looming deadlines haunt me  
And their harassing senders taunt me  
That they need response this evening  
For tomorrow is too late!  
But their texts, too quickly ended,  
Often can't be comprehended  
For their writers have no time to think  
They have no time to wait.

And I sometimes rather fancy  
That I'd like to trade with Clancy:  
Just set up an email bouncer  
Saying 'Sorry, had to go.'  
While he faced an inbox jamming  
Up with deadlines and with spamming  
As he signed off every message:  
[clancy@theoverflow](mailto:clancy@theoverflow)

## CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 9.30 Mah Jong 5.00pm Tai Chi 7.30pm Ballroom Dance	2 10.00 French 4.30pm Italian	3 9.00 Computer 9:30 Tai Chi 10.00 Moveable Feast 2.00pm Knit/Crochet 7.00 Old Time Dance	4 9:30 Qigong Tai Chi 10:00 Kakadu	5 10.00 Friday Forum
8 9.30 Mah Jong 2.00pm Card Playing 5.00pm Tai Chi 7.30pm Ballroom Dance	9 10.00 French 12.00 Lunch with Friends 4.30pm Italian	10 9:30 Tai Chi 12.00 Culinary Delights 2.00pm Family Stories 2.00pm Knit/Crochet	11 9.30 Qigong Tai Chi 9.30 Hardy Perennials 1:00 Happy Snappers	12 10.00 NQ Ferns <b>13 11.00 Picnic in the Park</b>
15 9.30 Mah Jong 5.00pm Tai Chi 7.30pm Ballroom Dance	16 10.00 French 4.30pm Italian	17 9:30 Tai Chi 10.00 Camels/Rabbits 2.00pm Writers Workshop 7.00 Old Time Dance	18 2.00 Classical Music	19
22 9.30 Mah Jong 2.00pm Card Playing 5.00pm Tai Chi 7.30pm Ballroom Dance	23 10.00 French 4.30pm Italian	24 9.00 PowerPoint 9:30 Tai Chi	25 9.30 Qigong Tai Chi 10:00 Atacama 1:00 Happy Snappers	26
29 9.30 Mah Jong 5.00pm Tai Chi 7.30pm Ballroom Dance	30 10.00 French 4.30pm Italian	31 9:30 Tai Chi 7.00 Old Time Dance		

## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2 10.00 Friday Forum
5 9.30 Mah Jong 2.00pm Card Playing 5.00pm Tai Chi 7.30pm Ballroom Dance	6 10.00 French 4.30pm Italian	7 9:30 Tai Chi 10:00am Moveable Feast 10:00 Bambi in the Bush 2.00pm Knit/Crochet	8 9.30 Qigong Tai Chi 10:00 Cns Botanical Gardens 1:00 Happy Snappers	9
12 9.30 Mah Jong 5.00pm Tai Chi 7.30pm Ballroom Dance	13 10.00 French 2:00pm Smart Phone 4.30pm Italian	14 9:30 Tai Chi 12:00 Culinary Delights 2.00pm Family Stories 7.00 Old Time Dance	15 9.30 Qigong Tai Chi 10:00 Biodiversity of Atherton 2:00 Classical Music	16
19 9.30 Mah Jong 2.00pm Card Playing 5.00pm Tai Chi 7.30pm Ballroom Dance	20 10.00 French 4.30pm Italian	21 10:00 Bhutan 2:00pm Writers Workshop	22 9.30 Qigong Tai Chi 10:00 Chinese Temple 1:00 Happy Snappers	23
26 9.30 Mah Jong 5.00pm Tai Chi 7.30pm Ballroom Dance	27 10.00 French 12:00 Lunch with Friends 4.30pm Italian	28 7.00 Old Time Dance	29 9.30 Qigong Tai Chi 10:00 Wisdom	30

**Glyn Davies has kindly forwarded on his copy of the latest Bundaberg U3A Newsletter, from which I have lifted the following:**

The pastor of a church began his sermon with this story :

"I was on a plane last week, from Chicago to California. when we ran into some very severe turbulence. As it got worse, the passengers became more and more alarmed, and even the flight attendants began to look concerned.

"Finally one of them, noticing that I had "Rev." in front on my name on the passenger list, came over to me and said, 'Sir, this is really frightening. Do you suppose you could, I don't know...do something religious?' So I took up a collection."

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An English class was told they had to write a short story in as few words as possible. The instructions were that the story had to contain the following three things - 1. Religion. 2. Sex. 3. Mystery. Below is the only A+ short story in the whole class.

**"Good God, I'm pregnant! I wonder who did it?"**

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**Pithy Definitions:**

Adult : A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle!

Beauty Parlor: A place where woman curl up and dye.

Handkerchief: Cold storage.

Dust : Mud with the juice squeezed out.

**PUBLICITY FOR U3A**

At the last Committee meeting, Glyn Davies, our Publicity Officer, suggested that we really need to have more people involved in that important role. The meeting decided to set up a small sub-committee to handle the various elements of U3A promotion and publicity. So if you would like to volunteer your skills, experience or ideas about helping to grow our group, please contact Glyn(4095 3629) or our President Barbara Whybird (4091 2407).



Just a few of the Culinary Delights ladies responsible for the wonderful spread pictured on page 1.

*Just a thought:- If love is blind, why is lingerie so expensive?*

## THESE ARE THE NEW TALKS AND ACTIVITIES STILL TO COME IN SEMESTER 2

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.** Getting around your computer – with Alf Hogan. Room 22, 9am,

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August.** Protecting the World Heritage Environment of Kakadu National Park presented by David Jones. Room 22, 10am,

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August.** North Queensland Ferns presented by Nada Sankowsky. 10am-12 noon, at 27 Equestrian Drive, Tolga.

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August.** Two Things Great and Small - Camels and Rabbits in Australia – with Peter Pavlov. Room 22, 10am .

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August.** PowerPoint - Hints and Tips Part 2 with Alf Hogan. Room 22, 9am,

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> August.** The Atacama region of Northern Chile –from desert and salt flats to snow-covered peaks presented by David Jones. Room 22, 10am

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.** Bambi in the Bush with Peter Pavlov. Room 22, 10am

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September.** The Biodiversity of Atherton Township with John Winter. Room 22, 10am

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September.** Bhutan Cultural Tour and Druk Path Trek presented by Maree Hooker – Room 22, 10am

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September.** Wrecked—Magnetic Island shipwrecks, presented by Bryony Barnett. Room 22, 10am.

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September.** My Connection with the Hou Wang Temple Atherton with Dennis Lee Sye. Room 22, 10am

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October.** Explosives & More – with Chris Larkin. Room 22, 10am

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October.** Yin and Yang of China with Fran Herriott – 10am Room 22 .

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.** Fossils, what are they and How Important they are to Modern Society. Room 22, 10am

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October.** Taking the Voodoo out of Bio-Dynamics—Room 22, 9.30am Adam Collins

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.** – The house mouse in Australia—Room 22, 10am Peter Pavlov.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.** Yin and Yang of China with Helen Myles – 10am Room 22 .

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.** Window to War on Magnetic Island. Bryony Barnett, 10 am, Room 22

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November.** – Introduced mammals in Australia—Room 22, 10am Peter Pavlov.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November.** A talk by Barbara Hannay on her work as a writer—2pm in Room 22

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November.** Maintaining Vitality and Wellness presented by Tony Annesley. Room 22, 10am

**Remember to keep an eye on the Website for updates and additions.**

## Hardy Perennials Cairns Botanical Gardens Excursion Thursday 8 September

We are no longer travelling from Atherton to Cairns by bus as we did not reach numbers to make the bus viable. Therefore, we are now meeting at the Gardens in Cairns. For all you gardening enthusiasts and nature lovers, or those just wanting a nice day out in great company, please be at the Cairns Botanical Gardens by 10am. You can take your own picnic lunch or buy at the garden cafe. An optional guided tour is also available for \$5 and we need to know if you wish to do this when you enrol. Enrolments to Jane Duncanson on 4096 6693.

**MEET SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF YOUR U3A COMMITTEE**



Janet Mensinga (Committee Member) and  
David Jones (Minutes Secretary)



Bill Bray (Committee Member) and  
Jane Duncanson (Courses Convenor)



Bev Prescott (Social Media Secretary)  
and Helen Irvine (Committee Member)



Mary Lyle (Membership Secretary) and  
Carmel Samuelson (Committee Member)



Barbara Whybird (President) and  
Fran Herriott (General Secretary)



Geoff Errey (Newsletter Editor) and  
Glyn Davies (Vice-President/Publicity Officer)

**For the Crypticians, your next clue:**  
*Last edition's answer: Standing room*

Standard outfits needed for Tertiary enrolment (8)  
*(Answer in next edition)*