



# U3A LOWER NORTH

*Sharing Skills and Experience with Friends*

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## *Dear Members,*

Greetings from a chilly hollow in downtown Clare where recent frosts don't encouraged early starts.

It was a popular success last year, so yet again we are celebrating Get Online Week with a day in the Barbara J. Long Room to run some training sessions on getting the most out of your digital devices. Free light lunch between sessions.

This will take place on Thursday 17 October. Ian Stanley will be back as the expert leading it and we hope each table will have someone to provide one-to-one help if you have any problems. Any experienced hands willing to help would be most welcome.

Last year we had a ready-made audience with the Coffee & Chat members making it their weekly Wednesday outing. This year, being a Thursday, it will require a bit more individual initiative from participants. Everyone (member or non member) welcome so bring a friend. Bookings essential: Bonnie Stanley 0400 039 420.

With the demise of our end-of-year lunch and movie, our only opportunity to all come together is the Annual General Meeting which falls on Friday 1 November. We hope to see lots of new faces.

Do attend as we have an engaging speaker in Philippa Robb from Riverton, special appearance by group leaders, some toe-tapping musical entertainment and all finished off with a generous

afternoon tea. This year is our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday: a milestone worth celebrating.

We don't take nominations from the floor on the day so if you want to fill one of the three committee vacancies, please fill in a nomination form and submit it to anyone on the committee before Friday 24 October.

Vacancies will be: vice president, assistant secretary and a position as committee person. If you have different skills, let us know and I'm sure we can do a reshuffle to accommodate you.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

Thank you to those few who have already submitted entries for the annual photography competition but we are hoping for many more. Photos displayed and prize awarded at AGM.

News including a debut gig for our new music group, the growing list of achievements of our art groups and other class updates inside, so read on.

*See you back in the classroom,  
Claire*

## **LOWER NORTH DATES**

**TERM 3:** Monday 29 July to Friday 27 September

**TERM 4:** Monday 21 October to Friday 6 December

**Annual General Meeting:** \_\_\_ Friday 1 November

**Enrolment day for 2025:** \_\_\_ Thursday 5 December

If meeting outside term dates inform the secretary to protect group leader insurance.

## CLASS UPDATES

**Petanque** will be officially back on our program with the start of daylight saving in early October. During the off season they do meet by arrangement weather permitting but in Term 4 you will find group leader Ian Stanley and the gang down at Melrose Park pistes every Tuesday afternoon, 3 to 5. New players welcome. No equipment required.

Ian and Bonnie Stanley are also the powerhouses behind our annual **Get Online Week** training day. Last year participants were surprised by all the shortcuts which can help them get more out of your mobile phone or other electronic devices.

These days everyone has a smart phone but not everyone has an informed family member willing to show them the ins and outs of using it. Come along and learn from an expert and learn where to find more information if you need it.

**Ukelele** might have got off to a slow start but quickly gathered members, then spread to having classes in both morning and afternoon.

They have grown in skills and confidence so quickly that they are ready to play in front of an audience. They will make an appearance at our AGM and now they have been invited to play at one of the Ennis Park Saturday morning markets. Well done everyone, especially tutors Tamar and Steve Young.

Peter Wood says the **Contract Bridge** group carries on uneventfully with healthy numbers of anything from 10 to 14 virtually every week at the Tourist Centre, despite inevitable absences.

The **Lunch Club** has gone all ethnic. After a run of three Indian lunches, their next selection is Pinto Thai Restaurant. That is the one which used to be in the Taminga but is now in Woolworth's Village Plaza. Our clothes will soon wear the badge of multicultural curry stains.

Members please note this will be on Friday 18 October and starts at 12 noon instead of the now usual 12.30. They close at 2 pm and obviously Katherine is trying to maximise the time we have with our feet under the table.

There is certainly no longer any jinx on Friday arvo activities as the Lunch Club regularly attracts a dozen or so participants. A few couples but mainly solo diners who like the opportunity to lunch at a long table of new and old friends.

## ACTIVE ARTISTS

Group Leader Ann Foster reports that the Burra Group hosted a charcoal animal portrait workshop this term. Members from both Auburn and Burra groups attended. Ann says there are no definite plans for the coming term, apart from their Christmas lunch which will be in Jamestown in November. If they went any further north they might have a chance of a white Christmas.

Not to be outdone, the Auburn art group held a watercolour pen and wash workshop in term 3, which was well attended. No plans for term 4 as our artists have been busy with entries for *A Brush With Art* In Gladstone and Ororoo, plus the Clare Valley Wine, Food and Tourism Centre's *Rural* exhibition in October

## STATEWIDE ONLINE COURSES

Time may be limited for Statewide courses as the program's future will be up for assessment at the next U3A South Australia meeting.

Enrolments are low and it may be time to bite the bullet and terminate this brave initiative.

If you want to get in and experience learning from the comfort of your own home before it all closes, you will find more information and how to enrol at: <https://u3asouthaustralia.org.au/courses-2/>

## NEW MEMBER PAYMENTS

Remember any new members should fill out the New Members Enrolment Form downloadable from our website [www.u3alownorth.com](http://www.u3alownorth.com) or ask a group leader or committee member for a copy.

Fees in this final term remain at the full \$35 but you do get 2025 thrown in for free.

Payments can be made by:

- post cheques made out to 'U3A Lower North Inc.' to PO Box 480, Clare, 5453; or
- pay online. (U3A Lower North Inc., No. 748828019; BSB 085 558. For ID use surname followed by initial, e.g. John Smith = smithj. Emails to [u3alownorth@gmail.com](mailto:u3alownorth@gmail.com)).
- Make a note of details above and pay at NAB branch, Main Street, Clare. Still post membership form giving us full details.
- do it in person at enrolment day, Thursday 6 December.

Friday 1 November

# U3A Annual General Meeting

Starts at 2 pm, Barbara J. Long Room, Clare Town Hall

Guest Speaker: Philippa Robb speaking about her path much travelled: Riverton to Zimbabwe

Entries in annual photography competition on screen and winner announced

Musical Entertainment

Afternoon Tea to follow

Nominations for election close with Secretary on Friday 25 October 2024

Photos showcasing U3A activities to [u3alownorth@gmail.com](mailto:u3alownorth@gmail.com)

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## U3A Needs You

U3As are all-volunteer organisations which rely on the participation of their members at all levels: learning, teaching and administration.

Especially if you are a member born after 1950, now is your opportunity to learn how U3A is run and perhaps shape its future.

Why 1950? Well that means you are below the average member age and just right to replace committee members who are retiring through ill-health, etc.

Fill out the form below or contact a committee member for more information.



## Nomination for Office

Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

I accept this nomination. Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

To be in the hands of the Secretary by 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding the AGM.

See Secretary if extra forms required.

## DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR DETAILS?

**RETURN** new or changed enrolments ASAP: U3A office door box in Clare Town Hall, or P.O. Box 480, Clare SA 5453 (messages 0447 601 142, asku3a@gmail.com).

**This is for existing members only. New members should complete a once-only New Members Enrolment Form (downloadable from website or on request).**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have changed my address/phone/email to: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrol me in: \_\_\_\_\_

Remove me from: \_\_\_\_\_

**Newsletters** by post [ ] or email [ ]. **Payment** by cheque [ ] cash [ ] EFT [ ] Page 2 for options .

*All information kept in accordance with U3A Lower North Inc. privacy policy (see website).*



### 2024: FOURTH TERM ACTIVITIES

CLASS	LEADER	TIME	STARTS	VENUE
Art, Auburn	<i>Ann Foster</i>	Wed 9:30 am – 1:30 pm	23/10/2024	Auburn oval
Art, Burra	<i>Ann Foster</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue 9.30 am – 2.30 pm	29/10/2024	Burra Showgrounds
Book Group 1	<i>Hermann Weber</i>	Alt Thu 10:30 am – 12 noon	31/10/2024	St Barnabas, Clare
Book Group 2	<i>Kath Lock</i>	Alt Thu 1.30 – 3 pm	24/10/2024	Clare Town Hall
Cards for Fun	<i>Katherine Stoddart</i>	Tue 9.30 am – 12 noon	22/10/2024	Tourism Centre
Coffee & Chat	<i>Doreen Hill</i>	Wed 10.30 am	23/10/2024	Various
Contract Bridge	<i>Peter Wood</i>	Mon 1.30 – 4 pm	21/10/2024	Tourism Centre
Cryptic Crosswords 1	<i>Greta Handmer</i>	Alt Thu 10.30 am	24/10/2024	25 Edward St, Clare
Cryptic Crosswords 2	<i>Sue Mayfield</i>	Alt Wed 2 pm	23/10/2024	St Barnabas, Clare
Current Affairs	<i>Quentin Fleming</i>	Alt Thu 1.30 – 3 pm	31/10/2024	Clare Town Hall
Drumbeat	<i>John Montan</i>	Mon 10 – 11.30 am	21/10/2024	To be advised
Exercise 1	<i>Chris Roberts</i>	Tue 9 – 10 am	22/10/2024	Lutheran Hall
Exercise 2 (seated)	<i>Chris Roberts</i>	Tue 10 – 11 am	22/10/2024	Lutheran Hall
Get Online Session	<i>Ian Stanley</i>	Thu 10.30 – 2.30	17/10/2024	B.J. Long Room
Knit and Sew	<i>Mary Clark</i>	Tue 2 – 4 pm	22/10/2024	Clare Town Hall
Lunch Club	<i>Katherine Stoddart</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri 12 noon	18/10/2024	Various
Mah-jong, Auburn	<i>Sue Beaton</i>	Tue 2 – 4 pm	22/10/2024	Tennis clubrooms
Mah-jong, Clare	<i>Pam Murray</i>	Wed 2 – 4 pm	23/10/2024	Tourism Centre
Mah-jong (Western)	<i>Katherine Stoddart</i>	Fri 10 am – 12 noon	25/10/2024	Tourism Centre
Music Appreciation	<i>Helen Weckert</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 2.30 – 4.30 pm	6/11/2024	10 March Ct, Clare
Petanque	<i>Ian Stanley</i>	Tue 3 – 5 pm	22/10/2024.	Melrose Park, Clare
Pottery Burra	<i>Kate Reilly</i>	Wed 9.45 am – 12 noon	23/10/2024	Burra showgrounds
Quilting	<i>Kath Lock</i>	Thu 10 am – 1 pm	24/10/2024	St Barnabas, Clare
Scrabble	<i>Carol Stewart</i>	Mon 1:15 pm	21/10/2024	St Barnabas, Clare
Ukulele 1	<i>Steve &amp; Tamar Young</i>	Thu 10 am – 12 noon	24/10/2024	Clare Town Hall
Ukelele 2	<i>Steve &amp; Tamar Young</i>	Thu 1.30 – 3.30 pm	24/10/2024	Clare Town Hall

**STATEWIDE ONLINE:** view courses or enrol at: <https://u3asouthaustralia.org.au/courses-2/>