President – Mike Loftus

Welcome to Term 3 and our new Members Newsletter that will be sent out to all members at the beginning of each term.
During the term break, we held a very successful Tutors Forum where all those who attended took part in some in depth analysis of the recent Tutors Survey and then established a Tutors Advisory Group (TAG) that will meet each term.The members of this team are;

Anne Lyons, Helen Sava, Chris Urquhart, Bonnie Schultz and June Blackburn.
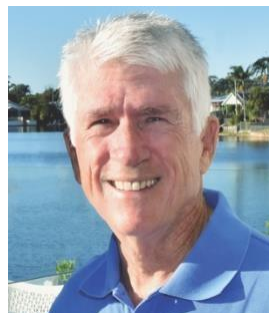
PHOTOS FROM THE TUTORS FORUM

We are always looking for new Tutors . If any of you feel you are capable of coordinating or leading a group in 2026, then please contact our Tutors Coordinator, Helen Sava..

2026 is going to be an exciting time for U3A Sunshine Coast as we will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary and hosting the State Network Conference. Many of you may not know this but we were the FIRST U3A in Queensland! A sub committee has been formed to plan for the conference and I look forward to bringing you more information in our next newsletter.

Vice President – John Armstrong

I am currently the vice president of U3A Sunshine Coast and the Queensland Network. I was part of the network team for the 2025 conference and am working with our MC in planning the 2026 conference which we are hosting. My other passion is online learning, It is my aim to enable our members to be able to access many different presentations online at their leisure
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Treasurer – Karen Martin

During the first term of the year we had a pleasantly positive number of enrolments into courses and new members, this has put us in a good financial position to accommodate the venue charges for the remainder of the year.
There has been a reduction in the amount of equipment purchased which has also been beneficial to our financial health.
As we are now required to pay GST at 10% of any income that we make, as at the end of June we are required to pay the ATO $12.677.55 from our income, please remember we have not increased our course fees but feel we will be able to accommodate this new expenditure.

Secretary – Brian Wells

Over the past two months, several key milestones have been achieved, setting a positive tone for the year ahead. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 17th May marked a fresh start, bringing renewed energy and direction for the upcoming year. This was followed by the successful Tutors Forum at Kawana Surf Club on 9th July, which fostered valuable discussions and led to the establishment of a Tutors Advisory Group aimed at enhancing the experience for both current and future tutors. A major resource update was also completed with the release of the new Tutors Handbook, now available in hard copy and online through the website. Additionally, all preparations are finalised for the highly anticipated "Not Hard Quiz – Strikes Again" trivia afternoon on 31st August. With these achievements in place, we are looking forward to a productive and rewarding second semester.

Organisational Development & Governance Officer – Dawne Clark

Having passed the batten into the very capable hands of Brian Wells, I am now able to concentrate on my passion, Organizational Development. In today's environment nothing stays the same, growth and change are part of our daily life. Your Management Committee recognizes this as a fact of life and have reinstated a position first identified in 2018 to continue to grow and be relevant
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Tutor & Course Coordinator – Helen Sava

U3A Sunshine has just finished the first half of the year with a large number of courses, many of which are continuing. Members appear to favour physical activities such as aquacise. exercise classes, bushwalking, cycling, dancing, golf, pickleball, tennis & yoga. Other interests are guitar, piano, ukulele and origami. We also have language classes in – Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Latin which attract many members.There are many discussion groups, & skill activities such as mahjong along with puzzles, games etc. Any enquiries email me at courses@u3asunshine.org.au.

Equipment Officer – John Oakhill

We are currently clearing out the U3A storage area located under building K, "the dungeon". If you have any material stored in that area, please email equipment@u3asunshine.org.au to arrange for updated identification and marking of it, even if you believe it is already identified. Anything not claimed may be allocated to other courses, or assumed obsolete.

Systems Officer – Grant Matthews

The challenges with sending bulk email has been an ongoing issue but has finally been resolved. I have been in communication with other U3A locations to help improve the overall efficiency of our system.
I have rolled over 30 courses to Semester 2/Term 3 and set up a number of new courses which Helen Sava has sent to me.

UniSC SafeZone

If you wish to use the SafeZone App while at the UniSC please remember to send your name, email and phone details to the office so we can pass the information to SafeUniSC Security to add to their database. You will then need to download the app from Google Play Store..

Not So Hard Trivia 31st August

Trivia is back at Millwell Road Community Centre, Maroochydore. The cost is $80 for a table or 8 or individual can also book at $10 per person . Last year was a wonderful success and we are looking to have a lot of fun again this year. To register call the U3AOffice on 07 5430 1123.

A Big Thank You

A big thank you and recognition should also be given to the wonderful volunteers at the U3A office.They are often taken for granted but we would be lost without them..

Dates to Remember

Semester 2 and Term 3 restarts on 21st July.
Not Hard Quiz -Trivia 31st August
End of term 3, 13th September
Start of term 4, 13th October
Tutors and Volunteers Luncheon 30th November
End of term 4, 6th December

Social Media

If any tutors wish to send photos and a small story of their activities or to promote their current course please send an email to social@u3asunshine.org.au. We are more than happy to promote your classes

Facebook Link

Instagram Link