

DECEMBER 2025



BROADBEACH
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Monthly Newsletter

U3A BROADBEACH



**HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON
TO
EVERYONE**



December 2025 Calendar

Tuesday 2 December - Movie Outing at HOTA

all members welcome to attend. Details will be posted on website a few days before the event

Wednesday 3 December - Blokes Breakfast

8.30am to 10.00 am, various locations. Enrol in group for details

Wednesday 3, 17 December - Trivia

at Surfers Paradise Golf Club, 6pm to 9pm

Tuesday – 9 December - U3A Christmas Party

at Currumbin RSL, 11.30am to 2.30pm. Invitation sent to members

**Friday 12 December -TERM 4 CLASSES END with some exceptions
– see below:**

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Monday 15, 22, 29 December – Rummy-O & Modern Board Games

1pm to 3pm at Club Robina -- all members and guests welcome

Wednesday 17 December – Scrabble & Up-words

10.30am to 12.30pm at Burleigh Waters Library– all members and guests welcome

Thursday 18 December – Happy Hour

at Kurrawa Surf Club 5.30pm to 6.30pm – all members welcome

Season's Greetings and Exciting News for the Year Ahead Message from the President

As the festive season approaches, we wish all our members a joyful Christmas and a safe, happy New Year. Thank you for your support, enthusiasm, and community spirit throughout 2025.

We're delighted to share some important developments about the future of our organisation. At last month's Extraordinary General Meeting, members voted to adopt a new name that better reflects who we are today and the direction we're heading. Beginning next year, our website and all official documentation will be transitioned to our new name, **U3A Central Gold Coast Inc.**

We are equally excited to share that, with the support of Council, we are working toward securing dedicated office space at the **Burleigh Waters Community Centre**. Having a permanent base of operations is something we've been missing for some time, and this location would allow members to enjoy more **face-to-face administrative support** and a greater sense of connection to our organisation.

As we prepare for this new chapter, we are calling for **office volunteers** to help staff the new location and support our day-to-day operations. Whether you can spare a few hours each week or simply wish to be more involved, your contribution will make a meaningful difference.

These changes mark a positive step forward for our organisation, and we look forward to growing, evolving, and strengthening our community together.

Regards - Andrew Simms - President



VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

If you are interested in becoming part of the new office team at the Burleigh Waters Community Centre please contact Lynne Budworth at - **lynnebdwrth@gmail.com** Lynne has been doing a Sterling job over a long period of time manning both offices and she is looking forward to training a group of volunteers so that the office can be available for longer periods



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TUTOR CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT – 25 November 2025

I would like to extend a general and heartfelt thank you to all the tutors who have given their time during 2025 to provide the activities we have enjoyed in our various ways throughout the year. 2026 is shaping up every bit as varied and stimulating with most activities returning. To add to the mix we have Acoustic Jam, Ageing and Mindfulness, Belly Dancing, DNA and Genetics as defined starters, Plus Discovering Brisbane's History, Line Dancing, Tissue Art as Writing Skills are likely additions. Enjoy!

Confirmed New Courses in 2026

Ageing with Mindfulness - Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.00, fortnightly, Burleigh Waters Community Centre

Belly Dancing - Akiko Barry, Tuesdays 2.00 – 3.00, Broadbeach Community Centre

DNA and Genetics - Lyn Gibson, Wednesdays 11.30 – 1.00, Mudgeeraba Community Centre. Term 1 only

Likely New Courses in 2025

Board Games on a different day - Linda Foulkes

Discovering Brisbane's History - Estelle Cooper

Line Dancing - Lindsay

Tissue Art - Pauline Davey, Mudgeeraba Community Centre, after Craft and Sewing

Writing Skills - Ray Bailey, Term 2

Check the Portal to confirm times and locations prior to enrolling



ANAGRAMS

1. DIVADELTA

2. HACKSBUMP

3. PORTRAYME

Answers - Page 6 .



Ladies Breakfast

Felicity Boyce has decided not to facilitate the Breakfast Club next year and **Mary Martin** has consented to continue in this role. Felicity has introduced her to the Breakfast Club participants and thought it could be helpful to publish a picture of her. Mary is wearing a red dress in front left of this picture. First Saturday of the month, various venues

Many thanks to Felicity for facilitating this group during the past years

Discovering Brisbane with Estelle Cooper in 2026
Brisbane's cultural and historical heritage is represented by more than 90 organisations. Museums, galleries, heritage sites, historic houses, gardens & more.

A course proposal for 2026 providing an introduction to interesting historic and scenic areas of Brisbane. Brisbane was a penal colony from the 1820's, the earliest building still stands. During World War II, Brisbane was the centre of communications for the South Pacific, and the US General MacArthur was based in what is now the CBD.

Agendas will be available prior outings, costs being minimum for small groups. Train travel from the Gold Coast. Brisbane's Public Transport is quick, easy and free for Seniors with a Go Card.

Mobility and fitness are required for short walks of about 15 mins, a few small staircases and the ability to use public transport required.

Gentle Stretching

On Tuesday afternoon some of our regulars came along to the Gentle Stretch class conducted by **Elaine Siklic**. This is a fun way to spend an hour, maintaining strength and flexibility. Plenty of places available. Why not come along and join this happy group? Tuesday, 12.30 - 1.45pm at the Burleigh Waters Community Centre





'Tis the season

Confucius says -

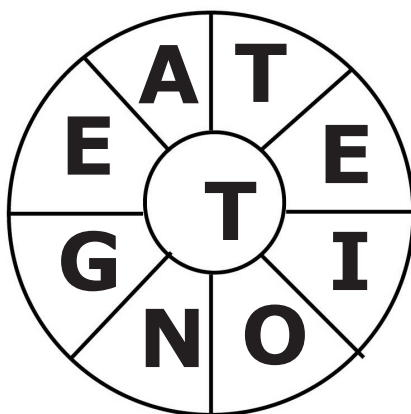
A gentleman who is widely versed in letters and at the same time knows how to behave courteously, is not likely to go far wrong.



Let them know that they are not alone and there are people who care about them. Keep in touch.



Open Day, Mudgeeraba



Wheel Words

Create words of 4 letters or more using the given letters once only. But always including the middle letter. Do not use proper names or plurals ending with "S". See if you can a nine letter word using all the letters. Answers page 5.



**Electric Jam - Fridays, 1.30pm - 4.00pm
Burleigh Waters Community Centre**



Word Wheel Answers

Ante, Anti, Gait, Gate, Gent, Gnat,
Goat, Into, Iota, Neat, Note, Tang,
Teat, Teen, Tent, Time, Tint, Toga,
Tone, Tong, Tote, Agent, Atone,
Eaten, Giant, Ingot, Taint, Tango,
Tinea, Tinge, Titan, Eating, Goatee,
Negate, Notate, Teeing.
9-letter word: NEGOTIATE.

Anagram Answers

1. VALIDATED
2. HUMPBACKS
3. TEMPORARY



**January 2026
Calendar**

Thursday 1 January Membership renewal opens on Member Wizard

There are **several ways to renew** your membership online:

1. Via your member portal on the U3A website by **clicking the Member Portal link** on the Home page and following instructions
2. Via the U3A website by **clicking on U3A Membership** on the Home page and following the instructions for renewing members.
3. An invitation by email will also be sent to all current members providing a link to renew membership and pay

\$95 pa covers renewal of enrolment in all 2026 classes free with the exception of any equipment required for a specific class. Social events also require extra payment.

\$110 pa. for New Members

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Monday 5, 12, 19 January – Rummy-O & Modern Board Games
1pm – 3pm at Club Robina – all members and guests welcome

Wednesday 7, 14, 21, 28 January – Scrabble & Up-words
10.30am to 12.30pm at Burleigh Waters Library – all members and guests welcome

Thursday 18 December – Happy Hour
at Kurrawa Surf Club 5.30pm to 6.30pm – all members welcome

Monday 12 January – Membership Sign Up Day

For members wishing to renew their membership and pay personally at Burleigh Waters Community Centre hall from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

**Classes for 2026
Restart on Monday 2 February 2026**

**Put these dates on
your calendar now!**

