

JUNE 2025



# Monthly Newsletter

U3A BROADBEACH

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## Welcome to the New Look U3A Broadbeach Newsletter

It is great to report that since the beginning of 2025, U3A Broadbeach have welcomed many new members from all over the Gold Coast. Interesting new courses are now a regular feature of the curriculum. Our growth has necessitated new and additional venues to assist us over 50s to easily access the benefits of U3A membership – both academic and social.

This Newsletter will keep you updated on a monthly basis of U3A Broadbeach activities.

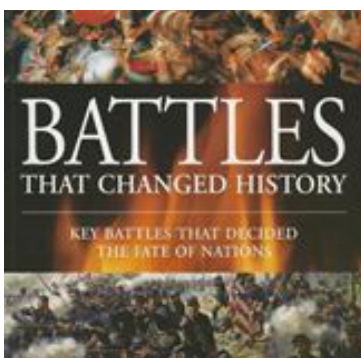
The Committee appreciated the large attendance at the Annual General Meeting and a list of the new 2025 Committee members and their roles is attached. Profiles of tutors and other members will be a regular feature of this publication which will be emailed early in each month. Copies will also be available at our centres.

As well as the many weekly courses, some activities are held monthly. Social events include Happy Hour at Kurrawa Surf Club, Lunches and Bus Tours will also be highlighted in this Newsletter.

*Because catching up with old friends is so important to us, please feel free to contribute your latest Good News! We regret no obituaries can be published.*

New tutors are always welcome. Please remember that unless you are leading a physical activity, no formal qualifications are required– just a love of your subject and the ability to include other people with the knowledge and passion of your interest.

The Gold Coast is a great place for retirees to live so this newsletter will also include events of the Gold Coast which may appeal to our members or which may be of interest to them. **From the President**



### Famous Battles in History -

In term 3 another class is starting – Our new tutor, Ray Bailey, will be presenting this class weekly on Tuesdays from 1pm to 3pm in the Broadbeach Cultural Centre Activity room and discussing famous battles.

Enrol now by going onto our website – [u3abroadbeach.com](http://u3abroadbeach.com) – Activities/Timetable.

## New U3A Broadbeach Committee for 2025/2026

**President:**  
Andrew Simms



**Vice President:**  
Jo Holman



**Secretary:**  
Ruth Welch



**Treasurer:**  
Tony Freedland



**Tutor Coordinator:**  
George Cairns



**Facilities & Scheduling:**  
Debbie Simms



**Web Team Coordinator:**  
Rosemary Nott



**Publicity Coordinator:**  
Estelle Cooper



### Committee Members:

Lynn Budworth



Linda Foulkes



Elaine Roberts



Peter Cooper



## Committee Teams

### Class Administration Team:

George Cairns, Debbie Simms, Rosemary Nott

### Web Team:

Rosemary Nott, Elaine Siklic, Lynn Budworth, Kazz Royston, Debbie Simms, Skyla Gathergood

### Social Events Team:

Tony Freedland, Estelle Cooper, Linda Foulkes, Valerie Lewis

### Publicity and Promotions Team:

Estelle Cooper, Andrew Simms, Debbie Simms, Elaine Roberts, Rosemary Nott

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## End of an Era - Beginning of a new Era

On Wednesday's 21<sup>st</sup> May, Choir was a special occasion when everyone joined in thanking Marie Mooney for her many years of service in leading our singing. The Choir was founded in 2007 and led initially by Marie's husband John with Marie taking over from him when he was in poor health. Their commitment to the Choir was well reflected in their car's "We Sing" number plate. Marie has continued the tradition of starting each class with a joke and making sure each session is an uplifting experience for all who participate. We are delighted that Marie will continue singing with Us in the choir. She presented the baton to Michelle Hyde who has stepped up to lead us in song as Choir Tutor along with Deidre Clarke, Jan Wilmot and John Crittenden. Thank you Marie and best wishes to Michelle in her new role.



### Office Hours

Burleigh Waters Community Centre,  
111 Christine Ave, Burleigh Waters

**Wednesday** 9.30am to 10.30am during school terms only

Mudgeeraba Community Centre,  
Firth Park, Mudgeeraba

**Thursday** 10am to 12pm during school terms only

## Life Membership Awarded To Robyn Tucker

Joined U3A Broadbeach 2010  
Started Tuesday Walking Group 2012  
Joined the U3A Committee 2013  
Convened Inaugural Coach Excursion for Xmas in July - Canungra 2013 and 40 further Excursions until mid 2024  
Convened Members monthly Friday lunches, Christmas in July, Tutors morning tea  
Annual Christmas Party, mid 2013 - mid 2024  
Started Armchair Travel 2015  
Vice President 2015 - 2019  
Assisted U3A President with New Member enrolment and data entries  
Rostered turns manning the U3A office at Merrimac High.  
Mahjong Tutor - 2018  
Convened sub committee to plan 3 day celebration for 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018  
Maintained social events within Covid rules for smaller groups 2020 - 2022  
Assisted with successful move from Merrimac High to BAVIA house and with time and day planning of classes at BAVIA house 2022 - 2023  
Manned U3A office at BAVIA on Mondays with Marie Mooney 2022 - 2023.  
Currently Tutoring Mahjong -Mondays, Walking Group - Tuesdays, Armchair Travel - Fridays.



### Robyn Tucker's Tuesday Walking Group

Enjoy a sunny morning stroll. Sticks & Walkers accommodated. Alternative tracks, long or short. Rest area along the way. And your canine friends are welcome on a lead. Enjoy the exercise and a chat. Meet at the end of Poinciana Drive, Broadbeach Waters, at Bauhinia Park, 9.00am



**When one door closes, another opens,  
but we often look so long and so regretfully  
upon the closed door that we do not see  
the one which has opened for us.**

*Alexander Graham Bell*



## June 2025 Calendar

Note these dates on your calendar

**Wednesday 4 June – Blokes Breakfast** 8.30am – 10am – various locations

**Wednesday 4 June - Coffee Time** at Burleigh Sports Club 10.45am to 12noon

**Wednesday 4 June - Trivia** at Surfers Paradise Golf Club

**Saturday 7 June - Ladies Breakfast** – 8.30am – 10am – various locations

**Tuesday 10 June - Movie Outing** at HOTA

**Tuesday 17 June - Luncheon** at Tallai Country Golf Club - 11.30am - 2pm

**Thursday 19 June - Happy Hour** at Kurrawa Surf Club 5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Tuesday 24 June - Bus Excursion** to a destination to be advised at a later date - 9am - 4.30pm

**Friday 27 June** -Term 2 ends

**Friday 27 June - Look Who's Talking** at Burleigh Waters Community Centre - 10.30am – Speaker is a Police Liaison Volunteer regarding security - morning tea/ coffee provided

**Saturday 28 June - Barbra Streisand Show** - Gold Coast Little Theatre

**Sunday 29 June - Barbra Streisand Show** - Gold Coast Little Theatre

**Save the Date - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July Christmas in July** to be held at the Fox and Hounds, Mt Tambourine. Details to be advised.



### Greetings



Our thoughts and good wishes go out to all of those who are not well. Warmest wishes for a very speedy recovery.

Happy birthday to all who are having a birthday this month. All the world is a birthday cake, so take a piece but not too much. *George Harrison*

## Discussion Group with Lyn Gibson



The energy in this room was dynamic. Lyn is proud to say that in this group everyone has a voice and will be heard. Members obviously enjoy their sessions. And are eager to be involved. But if you don't want to introduce anything you are welcome to join in the discussion when you are ready.



## Tutors

Please forward photos or news items about your groups. Let's know what is happening. Members are interested to know what your group is doing and may be considering in participating in more activities

**"Laughter is timeless.  
Imagination has no age.  
Dreams are forever."**

***Walt Disney***