

September 2025



**BROADBEACH**  
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

# Monthly Newsletter

U3A BROADBEACH

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## **CHOIR - Wednesdays 2.30 - 4.30pm Burleigh Heads Community Centre**

The choir is a singing for fun group meeting on Wednesdays at 2.30 at Burleigh Waters Community Centre. A wide variety of song lyrics are now projected so it is easy to join without the need to purchase or bring books. The emphasis is on fun rather than formality and everyone is welcome irrespective of singing ability.



The Choir leaders proudly showing off new projection facility



Pianist Deidre discovers Elvis is in the building



The Choir celebrates another triumphant rendition





**Message  
from the  
President**

**Re: Proposed Name Change  
to U3A Central Gold Coast**

Re: Proposed Name Change – U3A Central Gold Coast

**Dear Members,**

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the wide variety of activities and learning opportunities available across our U3A community. Over the past three decades, our organisation has evolved significantly. From our early days as U3A Isle of Capri, to our more recent time as U3A Broadbeach, we have always adapted to meet the changing needs of our members and the wider community.

Today, we offer an extensive and diverse program of courses, lectures, and social activities across a broad region—from Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach to Burleigh Heads and Mudgeeraba. Our growth in both geographic reach and member participation highlights the fact that we are now a regional organisation, serving the central Gold Coast.

To reflect this evolution, the Committee is proposing a change of name to: U3A Central Gold Coast (subject to Government approval) This change will better represent the scope and identity of our U3A as it stands today—dynamic, inclusive, and regionally focused.

What happens next? You will shortly receive an invitation to attend an Extraordinary Special Meeting, where all financial members will be asked to vote on the proposed name change. In conjunction with this change, and to ensure our governance structure aligns with best practice, we are also proposing the adoption of a new Constitution, based on the model version recommended by the U3A Network Queensland. A copy of the template will be provided with the invitation.

We believe this is a timely and positive step forward that both honours our proud history and positions us well for future growth and stability. While our name and Constitution may be changing, our values and commitment to lifelong learning remain as strong as ever.

We look forward to your participation and support in shaping the next chapter of our U3A.

Warm regards,

Andrew Simms

President

U3A Broadbeach

**The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the  
unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself.  
Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.  
*George Bernard Shaw***



## September 2025 Calendar

**Wednesday 3 Sept – Blokes Breakfast** – 8.30am – 10am – various locations

**Wednesday 3, 10, 17, 24 Sept - Coffee Time at Burleigh Sports Club** 10.45am to 12noon

**Saturday 6 Sept - Ladies Breakfast** – 8.30am – 10am – various locations

**Tuesday 9 Sept – Movie Outing** at HOTA

**Wednesday 10, 24 Sept - Trivia** at Surfers Paradise Gold Club

**Tuesday 16 Sept – Luncheon** - 11.30am at Emerald Lakes Golf Course

**Thursday 18 Sept - Happy Hour** at Kurrawa Surf Club 5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Friday 19 Sept - Look Who's Talking at Burleigh Waters Community Centre - 10.30am** – Speaker will be advised at a later date - morning tea/coffee provided

**Friday 19 September -Term 3 ends** [School Holidays](#)

**Wednesday 24 September– Bus Excursion to Murwillumbah 9.00.am - 4.30pm** and Margaret Olly Gallery (School holidays)

**Monday 6 October – Public Holiday for King’s Birthday**

**Tuesday 7 October – Term 4 starts**

### **Stop Press**

**Tuesday 9th December - Christmas Lunch at Currumbin RSL**  
Details will follow at a later date.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

**Cut off time for contributions to the Newsletter is on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please keep all contributions simple. Please uploaded images directly from cameras, don't resize, Word or PDF is best for text.**

#### **Trivia**

1. When did they open the London Underground?
2. How many keys does a classic piano have?

## Japanese Tutor - Eve Blackwell, Thursday 9.00 - 10.15am.

Although we are only a small class we enjoy learning Japanese as well as about cultural festivals. The photos show Tanaka Festival decorations made in class with inspiring teacher Eve Blackwell and student endeavours.

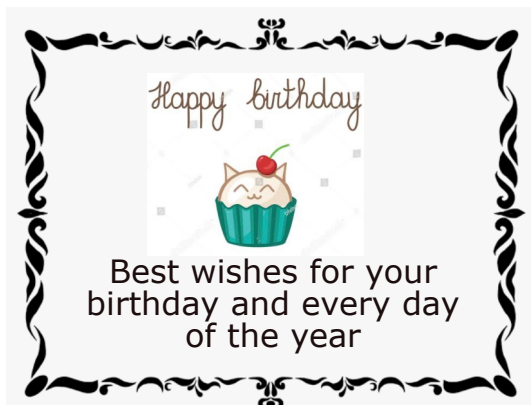


Eve Blackwell



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**August Luncheon  
Robina Sports Club  
Tuesday August 19th**



***An enjoyable time was had  
by all. Don't miss the next  
luncheon at Emerald Lakes***

**Office Hours:**

Burleigh Waters Community Centre,  
111 Christine Avenue, 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**

## Famous Battles in History Tutor - Ray Bailey

**Broadbeach Community Centre -Tuesdays 1.00pm - 3.00pm**

Ray has amazing communication skills, both in a verbal and visual sense, and has made his class very popular. He has enjoyed a rewarding career as a teacher of History and English, and his experience as a lecturer on cruise ships, allowing him to visit the sites he speaks about. Ray has delivered talks on battles of Marathon, Hastings, Plassey, Yorktown, Trafalgar and Waterloo using colourful stories about notable figures such as Clive of India, Horatio Nelson, Napoleon and the Duke of Wellington.

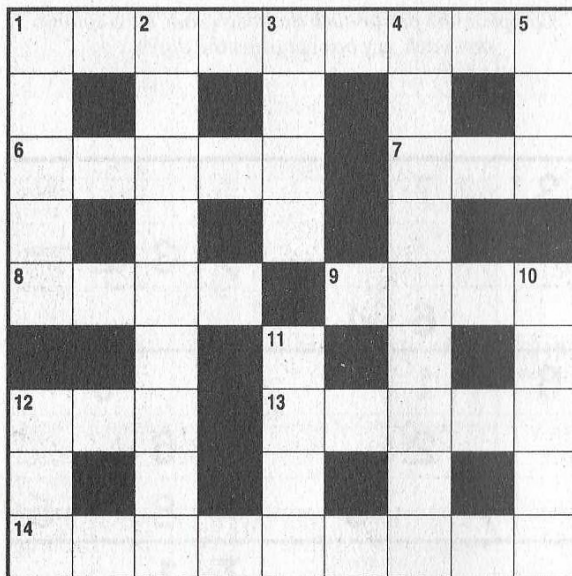


Ray Bailey



Part of an enthusiastic group

### Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

- 1. Member of an ethnic group (9)
- 6. Famous (5)
- 7. Carpenter's tool (3)
- 8. Situation (4)
- 9. Puts into words (4)
- 12. Up-tempo reggae (3)
- 13. Cup-shaped spoon (5)
- 14. Item of confectionery (9)

**Down**

- 1. Police officer's jacket (5)
- 2. Without a will (9)
- 3. Finishes (4)
- 4. Manage something wrongly (9)
- 5. Not used (3)
- 10. Rain with snow (5)
- 11. Ink spot (4)
- 12. Text messages (1,1,1)

***We build too many walls and  
not enough bridges  
Isaac Newton***

