

U3A Twin Towns Chatterbox



MAY 2019

President's Corner

I'm not sure where the first few months of the year have gone but here we are in May with two busy months ahead.

There is a short course on Environmental Sustainability about to begin and I note that it has attracted a good level of interest. The state conference will be held in Bundaberg on 16 and 17 May and then within days on 24 May we will be hosting *The Big Morning Tea*. I do hope that you have noted the date in your diary and that you'll be along to support the event. It will include raffles and a Bring and Buy. Entry is by gold coin donation. Bring a small plate of food to share.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.00PM on 5 June at Boyd St. As well as the Annual Report and presentation of the Financial Statements, there will be an election of committee. Please consider volunteering for a position on committee. Nomination forms are available at the office and there is a copy on the back of this edition of Chatterbox. There is a lot of satisfaction to be gained from being part of the decision making for the club.

Following on immediately after the AGM, afternoon tea will be served.

I'm told that the members who travelled to Brisbane to see *The Book of Mormon* had a wonderful time. They shared pizza and then thoroughly enjoyed the show. Congratulations to Val Beatson who was the winner of the raffled ticket to the show.

Speaking of shows, there are still a few tickets left for *Senior Moments* on 10 May at 1.00PM. I understand that it is hilarious.

A little bird has mentioned that enquiries are being made about tickets for the Freddy Mercury concert at the Entertainment Centre in February. Keep an eye out for further information.

Lastly, I would like to thank Jacqueline Roche and Virginia McIntyre who have volunteered to take on the position of Social Convenors. The first function they are organizing is a "Christmas in July" lunch. Arrangements will be published as soon as known.

Frances Garland

Notes from the Committee

New Website

Plans for the new website are progressing nicely. Implementation of the interactive website is due for completion in time for enrolments in November. All enrolments will be done online. For those who are not computer confident don't worry, there will always be enrolments taken at Boyd St and someone will guide you through the process.

.Promotion at the Pines

This week there will be a promotion at The Pines. Many thanks must go to all of the lovely members who put their name on the roster to help out.

The promotion will coincide with the pro-rata reduction in fees. Membership Fees reduce to \$80 for those joining from 1 May. Course fees remain the same.

Review of the Constitution

A sub-committee has been formed to review the constitution. It was last reviewed in 2016 but the Model Rules on which it is based underwent change in 2017. Also, practice has changed since 2016 and the changed practice needs to be reflected in the constitution.

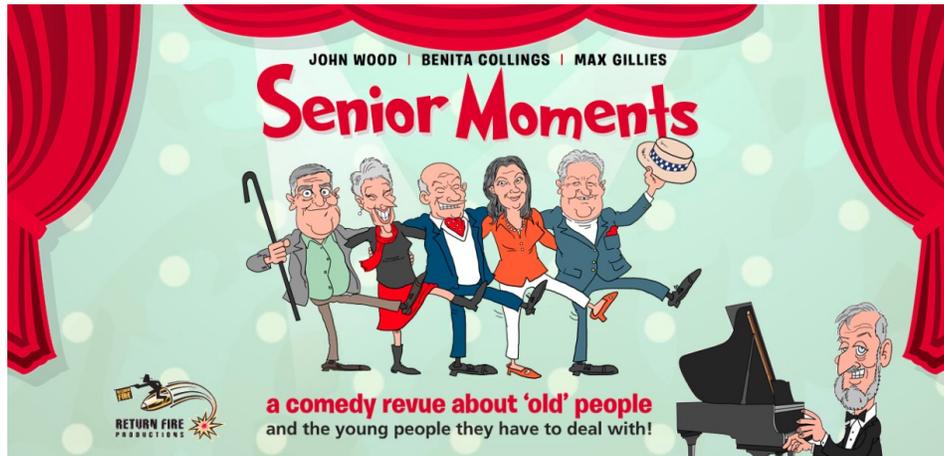
Copyright Useage

The committee resolved at an earlier meeting to investigate which copyright licences are needed to cover our activities. To help with the process a survey has been devised and all tutors will be asked to fill out the survey and return it to Irene Sachs or to the office, no later than 31 May.

Having the correct licences and abiding by the copying allowances within them is a legal and moral imperative. Individuals as well as associations can be fined heavily if found to be infringing copyright.

Department of Social Services Grant

U3A Twin Towns was successful in obtaining a DSS Volunteer Grant. It will cover the purchase of a new computer and data projector.



Last Tickets for *Senior Moments*

There are only a few tickets left to *Senior Moments* on 10 May at 1.00PM. Tickets are \$65 and can be purchased at the front desk.



Urgently Needed: a volunteer Promotions and Publicity Officer at U3A Twin Towns.

A warm and bubbly member willing to learn the job would be the ideal candidate.

If you can help please contact the office and leave your contact details. Phone (07) 5534 7333 or email u3a1office@gmail.com



Big Morning Tea

The 2019 *Big Morning Tea* will be held at Boyd Street on 24 May. This is a wonderful cause and deserves support from everyone. We all know someone who has contracted the disease. Research that leads to more effective treatment is expensive and *Big Morning Teas* are held all over Australia to raise funds to help fund research.

Entry to the *Big Morning Tea* is by gold coin donation. Bring a small plate of something delicious to eat for sharing. There will be a Bring and Buy on the day.



CONGRATULATIONS TONI CAMERON!

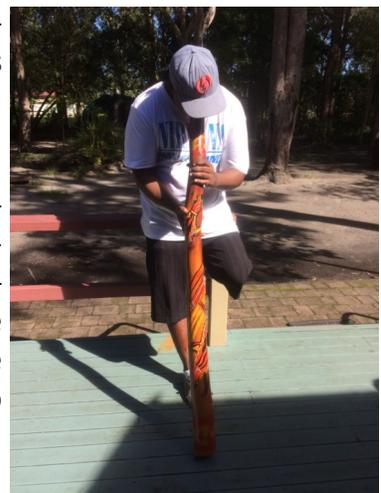
Toni Cameron had great success at the annual awards presentation of the Twin Towns Masters Swimming Club, gaining top points for members of all ages in her club to win their Endurance Award. She placed second in the state and fifth in Australia in her age group, in her 46 Endurance swims which included one hour each of backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle. She feels embarrassed about also winning the Most Improved Trophy. "In the previous year I had both hips replaced, so of course anybody is going to improve after that." We can put you in contact with Toni if you are interested in joining either of the swimming clubs at Banora Point.

WALK & DISCOVER GROUP VISITS MINJUNGBAL CULTURAL CENTRE

The Walk & Discover group had a wonderful time at the Minjungbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre on Thursday, 4 April. It was a lovely sunny day and we all met at the museum at 10.00am where we were greeted by Heidi.

We soon found out that the clouds of sweet smelling eucalyptus smoke surrounding the building were not a traditional welcome for our group but had a much more practical purpose - to deter the mosquitoes! These voracious little creatures were thrilled to have all that visiting flesh to attack and we were very grateful to Brent who braved their consistent attacks to take us out on the wonderful Walk on Water boardwalk.

Once we were out in the breeze the mosquito attacks were far fewer and Brent was able to explain how the Indigenous people living on Ukerebagh island came across to Minjungbal to fish and perform ceremonies with other local groups. We all learned a lot and are planning on returning for another visit when it is a bit drier and cooler and there are fewer mosquitoes.





INFORMATION SESSIONS

Third Wednesday of each month at 3.00 – 4.30 pm

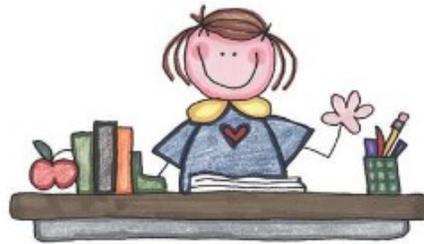
On **15 May** join Merry Cloutier as she shows us
How to Get Organised and Stay Organised

This workshop will include:

- Some theory
- Methods/tools for organising
- Sharing hints and tips
- Sharing horror stories
- Discussion about what stops you from being organised
- Personal action plan for getting organised

Members: Free

Visitors: \$5



Don't forget to bring some note paper to record your personal action plan!

BOOK OF MORMON

Our very lucky winner for the Book of Mormon ticket was Val Beatson.

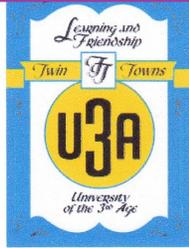


CHRISTMAS in July

Christmas in July

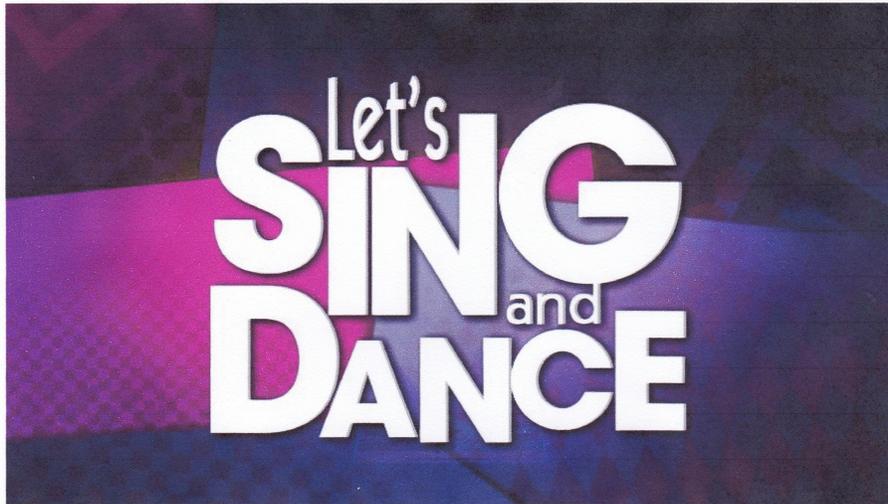
Social convenors, Jacquie and Virginia are arranging a Christmas in July lunch. The tentative date is 12 July. Details will follow.

Traditional Christmas fare is so much more appealing in July. Watch for posters advertising the event.



Friday 10TH MAY. 5.30pm- 8pm & Every 2ND Friday of Each Month

All Welcome - Partners – Friends BYO Drinks – Snacks



CHAT & SOCIALISE

Free Event. Ph. U3A office 07 55347333

Mon-Fri 9am – 12 noon

ART HISTORY

This month our Art History class will take you to 19th Century Paris. Join Kay West at 10.30am - 12.30pm, on Wednesday, 8 May to find out about the wonderful Henri Toulouse Lautrec. In this wonderful presentation, Kay will talk about Lautrec's life in the seedier parts of Paris, show us many of his beautiful paintings and posters and even provide us with some wonderful film footage and music of the day.



**BOOK YOUR PLACE IN OUR NEW ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY COURSE STARTING IN MAY**

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

**An exciting new short course addressing the
most important environmental issues of today**

**Join Merry Cloutier for 5 classes in May
Thursday 9.00 – 10.30am.**



- 02 May Waste: Rubbish archaeology**
- 09 May Energy: Global and local impacts**
- 16 May Renewables: Alternative energy**
- 23 May Water: How much and where**
- 30 May Recycle/Reuse: Doing the right thing?**

For further information about this class
email Irene: irene_sachs@hotmail.com
or phone U3A Twin Towns Office
07 55347333

PUT A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY FOR THE FOLLOWING NEW SHORT COURSES!

T.S. Eliot (June) Tuesdays 01.00 - 03.00pm Through reading and discussing Eliot's short poems we find out why he has been described as "certainly the most imposing poet of his time".

Radio Days (July) Thursdays 01.00 - 4.30pm. Experience the production and recording of an episode of *'Blue Hills'* with you acting the part of one of the famous characters!

Historical Women (July/August) Thursdays 09.00 - 10.00am. Spies, explorers, bandits, pirates and other bad girls, science nerds and warrior women. Discover secrets about some amazing but maybe not so well known women.

Shakespeare (July/Aug) Tuesdays 01.00 - 3.00pm. Come along and discover why Shakespeare is considered a literary giant and why his works still speak to us in the 21st century.

Annual General Meeting



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The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 2.00PM 5 June. The principal business of the AGM is to receive the annual report of the President, the Financial Statements and report from the auditor, appoint the auditor for the following year and elect office bearers. All positions are declared vacant and are subject to election. Nomination forms for election to committee will be available at from 1 May, see attachment.

U3A Twin Towns Inc.

Annual General Meeting at 4 Boyd Street on 5 June 2019 at 2.00PM

NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

PLEASE PRINT.

POSITION: _____

NAME OF PERSON NOMINATED: _____

PROPOSED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

SIGNED (PROPOSER): _____

SIGNED (SECONDER): _____

ACCEPTED AND SIGNED (NOMINEE): _____

Please note that proposers, seconders and nominees must be financial.

Please hand completed forms to the secretary or return to the office in a sealed envelope addressed to The Secretary no later than 21 May 2019.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Office Manager
Membership Officer
Tutor Coordinator
Publicity and Promotions Officer
Information Technology Coordinator

Office Use

Date Received _____ Financial: Yes/No

Added to Form for Display: Yes/No