



# U3A SOUTHPORT NEWSLETTER

January/February 2023

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UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE  
GOLD COAST INC (SOUTHPORT)

## Happy New Year!

We trust you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and are excited to come to your first class for 2023.

A warm welcome to all of our new members – we hope you enjoy the range of classes we offer and make some new friends along the way.

Our Australia Fair Office re-opens at 9am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January and the first semester for the New Year commences on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

## What's New?

Our new look Newsletter, our new look website [u3asouthport.au](http://u3asouthport.au) and our new email address [enquiries@u3asouthport.au](mailto:enquiries@u3asouthport.au). Did you know you can now renew your membership and select classes online at [u3asouthport.au](http://u3asouthport.au)

### *Try a new class:*

- **NEW!** Beginners Mahjong
- History of the Italian Renaissance
- Metaphysics
- The Qing Dynasty
- Memoirs
- Guitar Absolute Beginners
- French Conversation

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## Get Moving in 2023

- Dance Fit
- Rock'n'roll Dancing
- Ballroom & Latin Dancing
- Social Table Tennis
- Yoga
- Fitness



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## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT & CLASS CO-ORDINATOR

**Lou Stevens**

Welcome to U3A Southport 2023. We hope you all had a joyful and relaxing holiday break and are looking forward to the start of Semester 1 on the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

The response to our new website has been very positive with people commenting that it is clearer, easier to read and very user friendly. The addition of online registration and class enrolment to the website has been very well accepted and has made the process much easier for both members and office staff. If you are unable to access the internet, or do not feel comfortable with the online process, our helpful front office staff are there to process your membership and class enrolments manually.

Every year there are rumblings about the cost of our membership and at first glance, it is much higher than other U3A's. For example, to join U3A Brisbane the membership fee is only \$45, but you then pay for each class with the majority costing around \$50. So that equates to \$95 for one class only. At U3A Southport, renewing members pay \$80. If you were to do 5 classes per week, the cost per class is a mere 40 cents – approximately the cost of one egg! You cannot argue with the value for money.

U3A Southport is a totally volunteer organisation – we are people-powered – and we are always in need of volunteers in a variety of capacities to keep the wheels running smoothly. If you feel you could contribute in any way to help make OUR U3A bigger, better and brighter, we would love to hear from you.

New year, new classes and new people to meet – the start of Semester 1 is an exciting time. While there are a number of new classes already on the list, we are still sourcing more to offer an even greater variety of topics for you to enjoy. Watch this space.

Our single session IT courses will continue in Semester 1, kicking off with Cloud Storage, What is a VPN?, and Cyber Security beginning in mid-February. If there is a particular area that interests you, let us know and we will try to organise a class if adequate numbers show interest.

We are starting Social Table Tennis on Saturday evening at Margaret Street once a month. This is not a structured class but just a way of getting together in a more social atmosphere for a hit and a giggle. More information is available under Classes on our new website.

The Qing Dynasty class is going ahead and will commence in April at the Community Centre. At this stage it is planned to run for one and a half hours over five weeks on Tuesdays. Line Dancing and English Literature tutors are still to be confirmed.

Some classes already have a waiting list. If you have enrolled for a class but circumstances have changed and you are unable to attend, please let us know so we can make the place available for someone on the waiting list. As usual, three consecutive absences, without apology, will result in removal from the class list.

Enjoy catching up with old friends and meeting new ones as we begin Semester 1 2023.

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### Day Tour to Albert River Wines Thurs 16 Feb



#### CATCH UP WITH ONE ANOTHER IN 2023

*0930: Pick up from Southport*

Meet at SOPO for your day out to Albert River Wines.

*1045: Arrive at Albert River Wines*

Enjoy the bus ride after rush hour and arrive at day tour destination.

*1100: Tour and animal demonstration*

Highlight of the trip – walk through old Queenslanders (Auchenflower House, Tamborine House and Taabinga Chapel), followed by sheep dog demonstration.



*1230: Relax and lunch*

Simple 2-course lunch with coffee/tea included.

Wine Tasting (at own cost) \$8/person

*1415: Depart Albert River Wines*

Estimated time of arrival to Southport is 1545.

**\$60 includes 2-course lunch, tour and animal demonstration**

*Let us travel not to escape life, but so life does not escape us.*

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### Join us for a Get Together Lunch

Saturday 25th February  
11.30am/12.00pm  
at "Kokonut Willy's",  
Grand Hotel, Labrador

## 2023

*A New Year is beginning,  
It's 2023;  
With lots of things to see and do,  
A great year it should be.*

*Of course we'll go to movies,  
Have coffee with our friends;  
With shopping trips and bus trips too,  
Such happy days to spend.*

*And when we get frustrated,  
How will we spend our day?  
There's always good tv to watch,  
And always cards to play.*

*Living on the Gold Coast,  
A real good place to be;  
Nice walks along the sandy beach,  
And lovely sights to see.*

*So let's enjoy the New Year,  
of 2023;  
With all great things to see and do  
A great year it will be!*

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### **2023 Suggested Trips**



**Full Day  
Wine  
Tours**

**Valley Tours  
Spectacular**

**Tropical  
Fruitworld**

**Art, etc  
Brisbane  
Tours**



**Maleny  
North  
Coast**

**ABC Radio  
Studio**

*Register your interest by writing your name on the noticeboard or call the office.*

*If you have any other ideas, we would love to hear from you.*

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# STREAMING

## INTRODUCTION TO STREAMING Movies & TV Shows at Your Fingertips

*Article courtesy of Australian Over 50s Living & Lifestyle Guide  
[www.australianoverfifties.com.au](http://www.australianoverfifties.com.au)*

Streaming is a fantastic way to watch TV and movies. It's more convenient than traditional cable, and it allows you to access content from anywhere. But what exactly is streaming? How does it work? And how do you get started with streaming? Let's dive in!



### What is Streaming?

Streaming is an easy way to watch movies and TV shows via the internet. It allows users to stream video from any device with a connection, including your computer and smartphone, meaning you can tune in whether you're at home or travelling!

In addition to instantly watching new releases, many streaming services also offer full seasons of popular television shows (including ones that are no longer airing). However, you'll need a paid subscription plan in order for these features to be available for viewing on your device of choice.

### How Does it Compare?

With streaming services, you can watch the movies and TV shows you want, when you want. You don't have to wait for your favourite show to come on or wait until the cable company is making its rounds in order to get a show. With streaming services, it's available immediately at any time of day. You also don't need an expensive cable package or satellite dish; just pick up a subscription plan with your chosen service and start enjoying it!

You also won't be limited by the number of devices that stream content; these days it's common for people to own multiple devices capable of streaming video content (smartphones/tablets/laptops/desktops). If one device is not enough for you, then simply purchase another subscription plan from another provider and enjoy unlimited access across all your devices!

And finally: no more commercials! While traditional free-to-air television channels are constantly interrupting programs with commercials, streaming services let you watch from start to finish, uninterrupted.

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There are many options out there, and many of them are quite similar. Here's a quick rundown to help you decide which one is right for you:

- **Foxtel Now** – Foxtel Now is a subscription video-on-demand service that allows you to stream content over the internet. You can watch live TV or catch up on shows that have recently aired on Foxtel channels like HBO or Showtime. You can also stream movies and documentaries from a wide range of genres and eras.
- **Netflix** – This is probably the most well-known streaming service. Netflix has a large library of both movies and TV shows, with titles being added all the time. With original content, classic series, and popular titles, there is something for every taste.
- **Amazon Prime Video** – Coming from one of the most successful companies in the world – Amazon – Prime Video is easy-to use and navigate. With popular titles, as well as those not found on other streaming services, and low prices, why not add this subscription and more than double your choices!
- **Binge** – The newest streaming service to hit Australia, the aptly named Binge's catalogue is filled with titles that will keep you riveted from one episode to the next.
- **Paramount+** – Paramount+ is the newest offering from Paramount Pictures, which allows subscribers to stream thousands of movies and TV shows on demand. The service also includes exclusive content that you can't find anywhere else!
- **Hayu** – Hayu is a relatively new streaming service that offers a variety of different entertainment options. It offers tons of different shows and movies from many different genres including sci-fi, horror, drama, and comedy, with an emphasis on reality programming.
- **Apple TV+** – Apple TV+ is the latest streaming service from Apple, offering a selection of original programming, as well as movies and TV shows from other providers, including Netflix and HBO.
- **Acorn TV** – Acorn TV offers unique programming you won't find anywhere else. It's an independent British channel that specializes in British television programs from the past 40 years (including many previously unavailable shows).
- **9Now** – 9Now is a free-to-air catch up TV service, available through 9Now.com.au and the 9Now app. With 9Now you can watch your favourite shows whenever you want, wherever you are and on the device of your choice.
- **Stan** – Stan launched back in 2015 as Australia's first subscription video-on-demand service dedicated exclusively to TV shows from around the world (including Australia). It has since grown into one of the most popular platforms for watching TV shows online thanks to its high-quality content.
- **Kayo** – With Kayo, you can watch all the action from the Premier League, Super Rugby and more. You'll never miss a game with Kayo's live and on-demand sport coverage.

*So, are you ready to cut the cord and stream your favourites? With new releases and classics being added to the vast catalogues every day, the hardest choice will be what to watch first.*

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# HOP AROUND THE GOLD COAST

Sea World, Southport, Marina Mirage, HOTA & Surfers Paradise

## Getting a ticket for the Hopo Ferry is easy.

Simply purchase online at [www.hopo.com.au](http://www.hopo.com.au), on the ferries or in-person at the Hopo Information Kiosk in Surfers Paradise and Sea World Cruises Terminal in Main Beach. Bookings are not required and seats on the ferry are granted on a first-come-first-served basis. There are great specials for seniors like the one below or you can buy a single journey from as little as \$6.00 on the ferry. For more information see [www.hopo.com.au](http://www.hopo.com.au)

### Local Concession Card Holder Special (Mon-Fri)

**\$20.00**

Valid for all-day travel Monday to Friday only.  
Must present a valid concession card and proof of Gold Coast Residency (e.g. Drivers Licence).  
Available to purchase online and on board.  
Not available in conjunction with any other offer.

## Discounts

Present your Hopo ticket at partner venues to unlock great discounts on dining, activities, shopping and more!

## Timetable

### Regular Service

Northbound: Surfers Paradise to Sea World

	Surfers Paradise	HOTA, Home of the Arts	Marina Mirage	Southport	Sea World
1	9:00 am	9:08 am	9:35 am	9:45 am	9:55 am
2	10:00 am	10:08 am	10:35 am	10:45 am	10:55 am
1	11:00 am	11:08 am	11:35 am	11:45 am	11:55 am
2	12:00 pm	12:08 pm	12:35 pm	12:45 pm	12:55 pm
1	1:00 pm	1:08 pm	1:35 pm	1:45 pm	1:55 pm
2	2:00 pm	2:08 pm	2:35 pm	2:45 pm	2:55 pm
1	3:00 pm	3:08 pm	3:35 pm	3:45 pm	3:55 pm
2	4:00 pm	4:08 pm	4:35 pm	4:45 pm	4:55 pm

Southbound: Sea World to Surfers Paradise

Sea World	Southport	Marina Mirage	HOTA, Home of the Arts	Surfers Paradise
9:55 am	10:05 am	10:15 am	10:42 am	10:50 am
10:55 am	11:05 am	11:15 am	11:42 am	11:50 am
11:55 am	12:05 pm	12:15 pm	12:42 pm	12:50 pm
12:55 pm	1:05 pm	1:15 pm	1:42 pm	1:50 pm
1:55 pm	2:05 pm	2:15 pm	2:42 pm	2:50 pm
2:55 pm	3:05 pm	3:15 pm	3:42 pm	3:50 pm
3:55 pm	4:05 pm	4:15 pm	4:42 pm	4:50 pm
4:55 pm	5:05 pm	5:15 pm	5:42 pm	5:50 pm

End of service (drop off only)

Two ferries operate the service. Please allow 2 hours to complete the full loop.

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## MOVIES AT THE STAR

**Free to Members of The Star Club  
and just \$5 for Non-Members!**

### **Enjoy new release and golden oldie movies most Mondays and Thursdays at The Star, Broadbeach.**

Not a Member? Join for free at The Star Club Desk. For Non-Members, tickets can be purchased from the Box Office prior to each session for just \$5. Under 18's are welcome so you can bring the grandchildren along. Here is a sample of what's on in the last week of January.

#### Thursday 26 January

2.00pm

##### **The Menu** | 107 Mins MA

A young couple travels to a remote island to eat at an exclusive restaurant where the chef (Ralph Fiennes) has prepared a lavish menu, with some shocking surprises.

7.30pm

##### **I Wanna Dance with Someone** | 144 Mins M

The joyous, emotional, heartbreaking celebration of the life and music of Whitney Houston, one of the greatest female R&B pop vocalists of all time. Tracking her journey from obscurity to musical superstardom.

#### Monday 30 January

10.30am

##### **Ticket To Paradise** | 104 Mins M

George Clooney and Julia Roberts star in this comedy about a divorce couple that teams up and travels to Bali to stop their daughter from making the same mistake they think they made 25 years ago.

2.00pm

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7.30pm

##### **Avatar: The Way of Water** | 195 Mins M

Jake Sully lives with his newfound family formed on the planet of Pandora. Once a familiar threat returns to finish what was previously started, Jake must work with Neytiri and the army of the Na'vi race to protect their planet.

For more information about What's on at The Star and other movie dates, see [www.star.com.au](http://www.star.com.au)

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# JUST FOR FUN!

## Wordsearch

R	E	D	N	E	V	A	L	H	N	F
N	M	A	Y	A	C	I	I	P	O	I
T	P	V	E	A	I	B	I	X	I	N
D	I	J	C	L	I	S	G	L	T	L
A	L	T	O	S	A	L	E	L	A	I
I	U	O	C	N	O	Z	R	E	N	D
S	T	U	G	V	Q	T	A	B	R	O
Y	S	H	E	I	E	U	N	E	A	F
B	S	U	C	O	R	C	I	U	C	F
P	E	T	U	N	I	A	U	L	U	A
E	L	T	S	I	H	T	M	B	D	D

### SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

Words Remaining: 19

AZALEA  
BLUEBELL  
CACTUS  
CARNATION  
CROCUS  
DAFFODIL  
DAISY  
FOXGLOVE  
FREESIA  
GERANIUM  
HIBISCUS  
IVY  
JONQUIL  
LAVENDER  
MARIGOLD  
MAY  
PETUNIA  
THISTLE  
TULIP



## Laugh Out Loud!

### Fishing for Whiskey

"Poor Old fool," thought the well-dressed gentleman as he watched an old man fish in a puddle outside a pub. So he invited the old man inside for a drink. As they sipped their whiskeys, the gentleman thought he'd humor the old man and asked, "So how many have you caught today?" The old man replied, "You're the eighth."

### You Need a Shorter Password

While he was visiting, my father asked for the password to our Wi-Fi. "It's taped under the modem", I told him. After three failed attempts to log on, he asked, "Am I spelling this right? T-A-P-E-D-U-N-D-E-R-T-H-E-M-O-D-E-M?"

**Q.** How are stars like false teeth?

**A.** They both come out at night!

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