



## U3A Southport Polo Shirts

We now have U3A Southport royal blue men's and women's polo shirts for sale. These will be great to wear when volunteering or to your classes. We have sample sizes of these cotton/poly shirts at Reception for you to view. U3A Southport logo will be embroidered in gold on the front upper left when ordered.



*Order and pay \$30 at reception to have your new polo in time for Semester 1.*

## 2024 Membership Renewals

Open now. Don't forget you must enrol for your classes in 2024.

## Christmas Raffle Winners



Thank you to everyone who donated goods to the Christmas Raffle, the hampers looked amazing! It was a huge success and we congratulate the winners:

- ☺ Christmas Food Hampers: *Trish Alomes, Rita Hodgkins and Alex*
- ☺ Pamper Hamper: *Robyn Mannes*
- ☺ Jasper Necklace: *Rhonda Fryer*

Thank you for your support.

## U3A Choir is in Hot Demand



Come along and listen to, and support, our very own U3A Southport Choir.

- ❖ **Sun 3 Dec 9-10am**  
G-Link's Rudolf Express Tram at Helensvale Station
- ❖ **Sat 9 Dec 5.30pm**  
Thomas Dr, Chevron Island
- ❖ **Thurs 14 Dec 10am-11am**  
Australia Fair

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# NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT & CLASS CO-ORDINATOR

**Lou Stevens**

## NEW CLASSES



CRIMINOLOGY

Enrolments are now open for a new *Criminology* Class which will be held weekly on Thursdays 1.00pm-2.00pm at the Community Centre.

*Tango* will hopefully commence in Semester 1 2024.



## CLASS ENROLMENTS

To assist us with classroom limits, we ask that members please enrol in classes before attending.

**IMPORTANT:** Your classes from 2023 will not be carried over into 2024. **You must enrol for your 2024 classes. This includes new members.**

## LAST DAY 2023:

**Semester 2 2023: Ends on Friday 1 December**

The Office will be open Monday 4 December to Friday 8 December 10am-1pm.

**Office Closed: Monday 11 December – Friday 26 January 2024**

## 2024:

**Office Reopens:** Monday 29 January 9am – 1pm.

**Semester 1:** Monday 5 Feb – Friday 28 Jun

**Semester 2:** Monday 29 Jul – Friday 6 Dec

## WELCOME TO NEW TUTORS

We would like to welcome our new Tutors for 2024:

- *Advanced French* – Dominique Chaudet (Mr)
- *Guitar* – Jeff Parker
- *Memoir Discussion Group* – Kieth Hales

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

If you are interested in any of the following classes in 2024 please note your name on the "Expression of Interest" Notices on the Noticeboard at Reception.

- *Financial Planning*
- *Public Speaking*
- *Ten Pin Bowling*
- *Fishing*
- *Drumming*

## THANK YOU TO ALL THE TUTORS

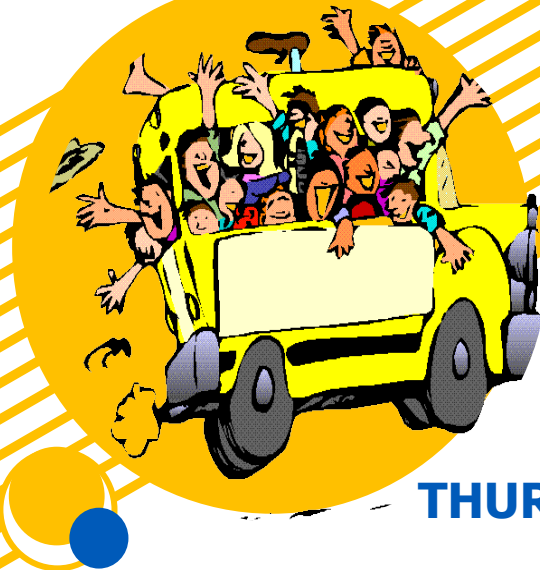
**A BIG THANK YOU** to all the Tutors. We truly appreciate all the time and effort you have put in this year.

A special thank you to Andrew Carter who will be leaving for a well-deserved rest after many years as French Advanced Tutor and committee member. We wish him all the best for the future.



### *Farewell*

We regret to inform you of the recent passing of *Geoffrey Soper* who was a valued member of U3A Southport who attended Chair Yoga. On behalf of all U3A Southport members, we extend our condolences to his wife, Marie, and her family and friends.



## TOURS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Michelle De La Rente & Trish Alomes

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2024

### DAY TRIP TO ORMISTON HOUSE, BRISBANE



*Historic Ormiston House is regarded as the birthplace of the Australian Sugar Industry. It was built by Hon. Captain Louis Hope and dates back to 1862. The beautiful house is considered to be one of the finest examples of colonial architecture in Queensland. The meticulously restored house, expansive grounds and beautiful gardens overlook stunning Moreton Bay to the East.*

**COST: \$75 PER PERSON**

Family and Friends Welcome

#### Includes:

- Tour of Historical Ormiston House
- Devonshire Tea
- 2 course lunch at Redlands Sports Club
- Pick up/drop off outside Victoria Towers, 34 Scarborough St (near SOPO) and bus stop outside Helensvale **Tram** Station (Times to be confirmed)

**BOOK AND PAY \$75 PER PERSON AT RECEPTION – LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE**

**Bookings Close Thursday 15 February**

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u3asouthport.au

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(07) 5591 6671

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admin@u3asouthport.au

Australia Fair, Level 1, Shop 1074  
Open 9am-1pm Mon-Fri





## OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

### Thursday 14 December **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**



Hosted by the Currumbin Valley Bus & Coach  
Team at the  
**Tallebudgera Valley Community Hall.**

**COST: \$60 PER PERSON**

#### **INCLUDES:**

- ❖ Coach pick-up
- ❖ Lunch (baked ham, chicken, salads, rolls and dessert)
- ❖ Light refreshments (BYO alcohol)
- ❖ Entertainment

THIS EVENT IS **NOT ORGANISED BY U3A SOUTHPORT**, IT IS ORGANISED BY CURRUMBIN VALLEY BUS & COACHES.

*For more information and bookings phone  
Jenny 1300 794 373 or email  
[jenny@currumbinvalleycoaches.com.au](mailto:jenny@currumbinvalleycoaches.com.au)*

### Wednesday 10 January **CHICAGO THE MUSICAL**



**Includes:** "A Reserve" Seating for 1pm Matinee at QPAC and Coach Transfers to and from QPAC. Arriving at SPAC at 11.30am you will have time to grab a bite to eat before the show.

**COST: \$100 PER PERSON**

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**THE NEXT  
"GET-TOGETHER" LUNCH WILL BE HELD  
ON SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2024.**  
Details in next Newsletter and on Noticeboard  
**Organiser: Pat Jones**

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### Mayor's Christmas Carols, HOTA Outdoor Stage and HOTA Parklands.

SATURDAY, 02 DECEMBER 2023 | 06:00 PM TO 08:30 PM



Hosted by 7 News Gold Coast presenters Amanda Abate and Steve Titmus and 1029 Hot Tomato's Emily Jade O'Keeffe and Galey, the evening will commence at 6pm and conclude at 8:30pm with a fireworks finale that will undoubtedly light up your night.

Limited free tickets are available for the HOTA Outdoor Stage from Monday 20 November. Gates open from 4pm.

Don't despair if you miss out on tickets, HOTA are activating

the HOTA Parklands with screens by the lake broadcasting the event live, lots of free family entertainment and a delicious assortment of food trucks. No tickets required for this area, which opens from 4pm.

### North Burleigh Carols by the Sea, Ed Hardy Park

THURSDAY, 07 DECEMBER 2023 | 04:00 PM TO 08:00 PM

A wonderful afternoon and evening of free Christmas entertainment and fun at Ed Hardy Park.

North Burleigh Carols by the Sea will provide a festive mixture of children's activities, food trucks and markets from 4pm, followed by Christmas-themed stage entertainment including carols, community groups and live music beginning at 6pm.



### Alicia Street Christmas Fair

SATURDAY, 09 DECEMBER 2023 | 04:00 PM TO 08:00 PM



This new festive event will be a unique opportunity to bring together the local community, schools, businesses and residents in a great Christmas-style celebration.

The free family festivity will feature live music, market stalls, inflatable fun, local restaurant specials, games, activities and a visit from Santa Claus!

*For more ideas on what to do head to [Gold Coast Events Calendar](#) | [City of Gold Coast](#)*

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**JUST FOR FUN!**

## Christmas Markets

**BROADWATER PARKLANDS: FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2023 | 4PM TO 10PM**



## Moonlight Magic New Year's Eve Party

**THE GREAT LAWN, BROADWATER PARKLANDS: SUNDAY, 31 DECEMBER 2023 | 4PM TO 8PM**

This is a family friendly, alcohol free event with live music, magic shows, face painting, bubble play, glow games, stilt walkers, giveaways, food trucks and spectacular fireworks show at 8pm.

## Looking for some original Christmas gifts?

Check out the **U3A Shop at Australia Fair** (near the cinema). You will be supporting the artists and U3A. Cards, giftware and artworks from just \$3.

**U3A Southport Gift Vouchers** are now available from Reception.



**Merry  
Christmas  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*Enjoy your holidays, safe travels, and  
see you next year!*

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