



## NEWSLETTER

January/February 2024



It was a wet and wild end to 2023 and our thoughts go out to all the people that were affected by the Christmas Day storms. We trust you are all safe and well.

A very warm welcome to all our new members and tutors and those who are returning for another year of fun, learning and good times.

We hope you all had a nice break and are looking forward to starting classes again. We have some exciting new classes this year and some great day trips coming up.

## 2024 Membership Renewals

Don't forget to renew your membership and enrol for your classes in 2024 before attending.

*Renew before 28 February 2024 and only pay an \$80 renewal fee.*

There will be no renewals after this date, and you will be charged a new membership fee of \$90.

### *Office Reopens:*

Monday 29 January 9am – 1pm.

### *Classes Commence:*

**Week commencing Monday 5 February.**

## Tutors' Meeting

**All Tutors are required to attend a Tutors' Meeting** where you will be given class lists and instructions. You may also be required to undergo a Community Centre induction.

*Thursday 1 February at 10am  
Southport Community Centre*

## AGM

**10am Thursday 21 March**  
Southport Community Centre

*Save  
the  
Date*

Notice of AGM and Nomination Forms will be emailed (and posted to those without email) prior to 21 February 2024. Current committee members must stand down and be nominated for re-election.

*Additional Committee Members are required to support our growing member numbers, please consider volunteering for a role.*

**Acknowledgement:** *The U3A Southport Newsletter is kindly printed by the office of ROB MOLHOEK M.P. Member for Southport.*



# NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT & CLASS CO-ORDINATOR

**Lou Stevens**

## NEW CLASSES

### *Acoustic Jam Session*

Weekly on Tuesdays 1-3pm Margaret St Upper Level.

### *Art – Drawing & Watercolour*

Weekly Thursdays 1-3pm at Margaret St Hall Upper Level. If you are on a waitlist for another Art Class, you may wish to transfer to this new class.

### *Computer Short Courses*

**1 class only** on Tuesdays 1.15pm – 2.45pm at Margaret St Hall Upper Level.

5 March - *VPN – What is a Virtual Private Network?*

12 March - *Cloud Storage*

19 March - *Cyber Security*

26 March - *Introduction to Email*

More details about these classes can be found on the U3A Southport website.

## CLASS CHANGES

*Meditation & Mindfulness* is currently **postponed** due to Tutor illness.

*Psychology* will now commence in **Semester 2**.

*French Beginners* will now be held **Mondays** from 11am – 12.30pm at the Southport Community Centre instead of Tuesdays.

*Choir* will now be held from **3.15pm to 5.15pm** on Thursdays at Margaret St.

## 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
- *Acoustic Jam Session* – Rob Saunders
- *Art – Drawing & Watercolour* – Melodye Quick

**IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL MEMBERS ENROL IN CLASSES BEFORE ATTENDING.**

If you are thinking of enrolling in the following classes, please do so as soon as possible as the current numbers are low:

- *Italian Intermediate*
- *Insights into the Italian Language*
- *Lifting the Lid on History*

**IMPORTANT:** YOUR CLASSES FROM 2023 WILL NOT BE CARRIED OVER INTO 2024. YOU MUST ENROL FOR YOUR 2024 CLASSES. THIS INCLUDES NEW MEMBERS.

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

We are always striving to provide new and exciting classes for our members. 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.

*Bingo, Financial Planning, Ten Pin Bowling, Fishing, Tango & Group Jigsaw Puzzles.*



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We regret to inform you of the sudden passing in December of *Sue Herron* who was a valued member of U3A Southport. She was an active member of the Guitar Class. On behalf of all U3A Southport members, we extend our condolences to Sue's family and friends.



## SOCIAL TRIPS & EVENTS

**Michelle De La Rente  
& Trish Alomes**

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**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:
  - 8.45am** - CSI Club
  - 9.00am** - Helensvale Light Rail Bus Station

**DON'T MISS OUT - ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT!**

**Call Jenny at Currumbin Valley Bus & Coach Ph. 0421 593 700 ASAP  
and Book and Pay Direct to Secure Your Seat.**

**NOTE** – If you are booked in please confirm your pickup and if you have dietary requirements.





## OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

### Lunar New Year

SATURDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2024 | 03:00 PM TO 08:00 PM

CHINATOWN, DAVENPORT & YOUNG STS, SOUTHPORT



Celebrate the beginning of the Lunar New Year in Chinatown, Southport!

2024 is the Year of the Dragon, representing auspiciousness and imperial power.

This year's fiery festivities include a vibrant melting pot of colourful entertainment. See lion and dragon dancers, market stalls, kids activities (paper-cutting and Chinese calligraphy), an interactive wishing tree, fan and umbrella dancing, and a sizzling fireworks finale!

The \$5 food safari is back and will have you roaring around Chinatown, feasting on the delectable \$5 food and beverage cultural delights!

### Salsa in the Park

SUNDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2024 | 03:00 PM TO 06:00 PM

NORTHERN PAVILLION, BROADWATER PARKLANDS, MARINE PARADE, SOUTHPORT

Salsa dancing is a great way to get active, meet new people and learn some new moves.

No partner? No problem! Just come down and we will take care of it all.

This free class caters for beginners to advanced dancers. No bookings required.



### Shows at Twin Towns Showroom, Tweed Heads

TUES 6 FEB 11.00AM THE AUSTRALIAN BEACH BOYS FROM \$10.00

SAT 10 FEB 2.30PM COME FLY WITH ME  
SINATRA, THE RAT PACK & MORE FROM \$39.00

TUES 13 FEB 11.00AM BACK TO THE TIVOLI FROM \$15.00

FRI 16 FEB 8.00PM JERSEY GUYS FROM \$49.90

SAT 17 FEB 8.00PM THE GREAT ELVIS SPECTACULAR FROM \$55.00

*Note: Twin Towns is on Qld time.  
For more shows see [www.twintowns.com.au](http://www.twintowns.com.au)*





# SENIORS DISCOUNTS



offers a Seniors Discount Day on the first Wednesday of every month. The **5% discount** is available for Commonwealth Government Pensioner Concession Cards or Commonwealth Government Department of Veterans Affairs Health Cards only.

Commonwealth and State Government Seniors Cards are not accepted for this offer. While this deal isn't advertised clearly online, it has been confirmed by their Customer Care team.



**Vodafone** - **10% off monthly plan fees**

when you sign up to an eligible plan. Available over the phone and in-store.

<https://vodafone.com.au/partner/seniors>



**Australia Post**

With a free Australia Post Concession account, **you'll pay just 60c per stamp, instead of \$1.20.** You can buy up to 50 stamps per year, in booklets of 5 for \$3. You'll even get a free booklet of 5 concession stamps to get you started.

<https://auspost.com.au/sending/stamps/concession-stamps>

## Queensland Government Seniors Card



This card offers the following benefits: Eligibility for certain Queensland Government concessions. **Discounts on goods and services** at participating outlets throughout Queensland. **Access to the free Senior Shopper service** which is a free phone-shopping service that helps you get the best deal on electrical goods, travel, motor vehicles, computers, mowers, power tools, furniture, white goods, lawn bowls gear, fishing tackle, pools, cameras and more.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/seniors/legal-finance-concessions/seniors-card>

## Queensland Government Seniors Card+go



This card is for seniors who use, or plan to use, public transport in South East Queensland. It offers the same concessions and discounts as above, but also functions as a go card on Translink services. If you already have a Seniors Card, you can upgrade to the Seniors Card+go card for free.

## Transport discounts with the Seniors Card+Go

You won't have to pay the usual \$5 deposit on the Seniors Card+go, and you will receive **concession rates on trips using the TransLink services.** A daily cap for Seniors is also in place: when you pay for two journeys in one day, you travel free for the rest of the day.

**Discount on Queensland rail travel** to improve the affordability of long distance and urban rail services. On presentation of a current Australian state or territory Government Seniors Card, customers will receive a **discount of up to 50% off the full adult rail fare on Queensland Rail Travel network services.**



**Concessional prices** for the **Queensland Art Gallery, Queensland Museum, and many Queensland Performing Arts Trust performances** are available with a Seniors Card.





## JUST FOR FUN!

### What is a New Year's Resolution?

*Something that goes in one year and out the other.*



### Looking for some original gifts?

Check out the **U3A Shop at Australia Fair** (near the cinema) open 10am – 1pm Monday - Friday. You will be supporting the artists and U3A. Cards, giftware and artworks from just \$3.

**U3A Southport Gift Vouchers** are now available from Reception for membership and shirts.



### U3A Southport Polo Shirts only \$30

You may have seen some U3A Members wearing the new U3A Southport shirts. Men's and women's styles are available from Reception. Our logo will be embroidered in gold on the front upper left when ordered. There will be a couple of weeks' turnaround so put your order in now.

***Order and pay \$30 at reception.***