



November 2025

Welcome to all the New Members who joined for 2026 during Queensland Seniors' Month, and we hope you enjoy your classes. Please remember to enrol in 2026 classes of your choice from 17 November.

2026 Membership Renewals

Renewals open on *Monday 17 November*.

\$100 for renewals | \$110 for new members

Online renewal will be available on Monday 17 November and will be the easiest way for you to renew.

Bumper Christmas Raffle



*We are now collecting **non-perishable food items** for our Christmas Raffle.* Donation boxes have been placed at Australia Fair and the Margaret St Hall.

Tickets will be on sale soon so bring along some cash to your next class or when renewing your membership - **tickets \$2 each**. (Eftpos available for purchases over \$5)

Tickets available from Reception or see your friendly Committee Member in your class. We will have some wonderful prizes! Good Luck!

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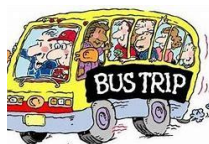
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Your classes from 2025 will not be carried over into 2026.

You must enrol for your 2026 classes. This includes new members.

Looking for something to do this Saturday 1 November?



We have 9 seats left on our **DAY TRIP TO THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS - HARRISVILLE, SCENIC RIM**. Friends welcome. Details on page 5.



PRESIDENT'S/VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wendy Barker & Trish Darnedde



Dear Members,

Well, we've certainly had a busy month since our last communication!

New Premises Update

We are currently in the process of securing suitable new premises in the Southport CBD. The paperwork is underway for the new premises, and we hope to have some exciting news soon. In the meantime, we are fortunate to be at our Australia Fair premises.

Membership Fee Increase – Renewals \$100 | New Members \$110

We endeavour to keep costs as low as possible and we are sure you will agree it is extremely good value whereby you can go to as many classes as you wish at no extra cost.

Committee Update

As our community and membership continue to grow, so too does our committee ensuring everything keeps running smoothly. We are pleased to share a few important updates about our committee.

Firstly, I have relinquished the Treasurer role and stepped into the President role. *Trish Darnedde* has stepped down as President and will now continue contributing her experience and support in the role of Vice-President, and our current ordinary committee member, *Lesley Northey*, has kindly agreed to take on the very important role of Treasurer.

We also have some exciting, if bittersweet, news — *Jenny Brown* (Secretary) has been offered an incredible opportunity to relocate to America to pursue her career. We wish her every success and thank her sincerely for her time and dedication to the committee.

As mentioned last month, *Alison O'Keefe* joined us as an Ordinary Committee Member and will now be taking on the role of Secretary and New Premises Sub-committee Leader. We also welcome *Georgia Cook* to the Committee.

I have been catching up with our reception team on a daily basis and introducing myself to as many members and Tutors as possible.

A big thank you to everyone for your continued support and commitment as we navigate these changes together. Our team remains dedicated to building a strong, inclusive, and active community for all our members. This is one of our firm commitments both Trish and I will be seeing you all at some stage or another.

Current Committee

President: Wendy Barker

Vice-President: Trish Darnedde

Treasurer: Lesley Northey

Secretary: Alison O'Keefe

Committee Members:

- Lou Stevens
- Kim Carter
- Robyn Todd
- Krystyna Cole
- Raewyn Mannix
- Georgia Cook



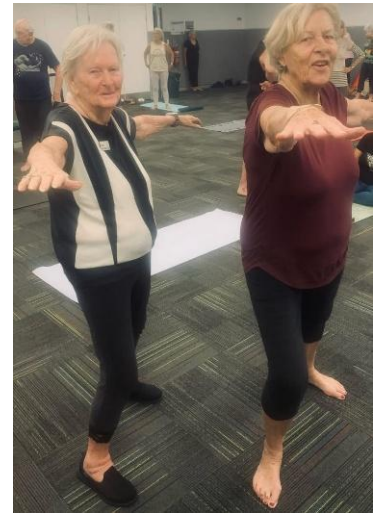
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Out and about – *Trish* recently popped in to visit one of our incredibly talented Yoga Tutors, *Jenny Broughton*, who was leading her session with her usual warmth and expertise.

Among the attendees was *Val Cameron*, one of our longest-standing members, who at 94 years young, continues to inspire us all with her enthusiasm and dedication — still attending several classes with U3A Southport!



Congratulations to *Sue Ward* and *Liz Stanton* who received the **Angie Bell Federal Member for Moncrieff Volunteer Award** on 23rd October 2025. It was a pleasure for both Trish and I to attend this function to share this success with Sue and Liz.

Liz Stanton has been a long-standing member and volunteer with U3A Southport. Liz volunteers her time to assist with reception duties at our Australia Fair Office. She always greets members with a warm welcome.

Sue Ward has been volunteering on the reception for 7 years. She is a great ambassador for U3A Southport. Sue always makes members feel happy and fulfilled.



Seniors Month Activities

Thanks to all the tutors, members, receptionists and committee members who participated in the Seniors Month activities at Australia Fair. Our demonstrations were very popular with the public and we had numerous enquiries and new memberships. *See the photos on page 6 of this newsletter.*

Thank you all for your ongoing support, and we look forward to sharing more with you next month.

Warm regards,
Wendy Barker & Trish Darnedde
President & Vice-President



NEWS FROM CLASS CO-ORDINATOR

Lou Stevens

IMPORTANT DATES

Renewals for 2026 open on 17 Nov 2026.

LAST DAY 2025:

Semester 2: Finishes on Friday 5 Dec

Office open: 10am – 12pm
Monday 8 - Thursday 11 Dec

Office Closed: Friday 12 Dec 2025 to
Monday 26 Jan 2026 inclusive

2026:

Office reopens: 9am – 1pm
Tuesday 27 January 2026

Semester 1: Mon 2 Feb 2026 – Fri 26 Jun 2026

Semester 2: Mon 27 Jul 2026 – Fri 4 Dec 2026

2026 New Classes:

- ❖ *IT Troubleshooting one-on-one 45mins*
11.15am-12.45pm by appointment only
Australia Fair Study Room
- ❖ *Introduction to Word & File Explorer*
10.00am-11.30am Thursdays
Australia Fair Study Room
- ❖ *Women in Art*
1.00pm-3.00pm Tuesdays
Southport Community Centre
- ❖ *Evolution of the Western Culture*
1.00pm-3.00pm Wednesdays
Southport Community Centre
- ❖ *Art – Watercolour for Beginners*
11.00am-1.00pm Tuesdays
Margaret St Hall – upper level



New Classes



Dance for Fitness. We welcome *Wan Likhamngam*, our new Tutor for Dance for Fitness. No dance experience required - just have fun and keep fit. **Weekly classes on Tuesdays upstairs at Margaret St Hall 10am-11am commencing Tuesday 4 November.**

***Pilates* on Tuesdays 8.45am-9.45am upstairs at Margaret St.** There are a few places available.

Member Portal

If you need any assistance with the Member Portal you can click on this video "[The Member Portal - What is it and how do I use it?](#)" or feel free to contact admin@u3asouthport.au or call the office on 5591 6671.



To all the Tutors

On behalf of the Committee and all the members, our heartfelt thanks to all the Tutors for sharing their expertise and their time for the enjoyment of all participants.

We look forward to welcoming our Tutors back in 2026 for another year of fun and friendship.



SOCIAL TRIPS **Jude Bowie & Wendy Barker**

Get in quick!
Only 9 seats
left

JOIN US FOR A DAY TRIP TO THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS - HARRISVILLE, SCENIC RIM



THIS SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

COST \$50 (includes bus trip and morning tea)

Due to popular demand, we now have an additional bus so
you are welcome to bring a friend along.

MARKETS / FOOD & BAR / LIVE MUSIC / KIDS' FUN / CAMEL RIDES

Experience the best of a boutique country market! Come and support local Scenic Rim producers and businesses, as well as others from around Southeast Qld. Eat, shop, have a great time with friends, enjoy the stunning views from Summer Land Camels, and relax to the sounds of a local entertainer while you browse through the stalls. The Christmas Markets are from 8.30am until about 2.00pm.



Optional Extras available on the day at an additional cost:

- ❖ **LUNCH/FOOD/DRINKS.** The Homestead Cafe will be open and there will be multiple food trucks offering a variety of different food and drink options to choose from.
- ❖ **CAMEL FEEDING** is available throughout the day for \$3 per bag.
- ❖ **CAMEL RIDES** can be booked at the information tent by the Homestead Cafe for \$35 per adult (closed in shoes need to be worn to ride and there is a weight limit of 100kgs per person)
- ❖ **FARM TOURS** \$25 per person at 10am or 12pm. These can be booked online or on the day.



PICK UP TIMES:

1. **7.15am SOPO**, Scarborough St, Southport
2. **7.30am Helensvale** Train Station

Book and pay \$50 at Reception





SENIORS MONTH ACTIVITIES

What a fabulous display the Tutors and Members from U3A put on at Australia Fair on 16 & 17 October. Here are just a few photos.



Chair Yoga

Acoustic Jam



Sing for Fun

Ukulele



Tai Chi



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW



Energy4Seniors

Empowering Queenslanders
to make wise energy choices

Council on the Ageing
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SOLAR BONUS SCHEME 44C FEED-IN TARIFF

The Solar Bonus Scheme offering a 44-cent per kilowatt-hour feed-in tariff is not available to new customers. If you currently receive this tariff rate (and maintain your eligibility) you will receive this rate until its **expiry date on 1 July 2028**. See [market feed-in tariffs](#) in South-East Queensland for current feed-in tariff rates.

Eligibility when moving or renting your house

If you are selling or renting your house and there is a new electricity account holder, the new owner or tenant will not receive the 44-cent feed-in tariff unless the new owner or tenant is your spouse. They will have to speak to their electricity retailer to organise a new feed-in tariff. You can't take your system with you and continue to receive the same feed-in tariff.

Selling or renting a house with a small solar power system

The feed-in tariff is paid to the customer who holds the electricity account for the premises. If your property was rented when you applied for the 44-cent feed-in tariff and your tenant held the electricity account at that time, the tenant will receive the feed-in tariff.

If you rent the property to a new tenant (which results in the name on the electricity account changing) the eligibility for the 44-cent feed-in tariff will lapse from the date when the account name changes.

If something goes wrong

Find out your rights and who to contact [if something goes wrong with your solar power](#).

ADVANCED CARE PLANNING

My Care, My Choices

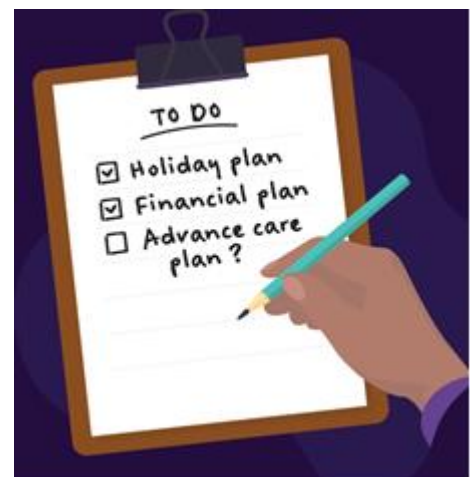
Planning for your future health care can help you get the care you want, if you can't make decisions for yourself.

You can make your future health care choices matter with an advance care plan.

Advance care planning involves discussing and documenting your choices now, to guide your future health care if you cannot speak for yourself.

This can help your loved ones and health care providers to know what matters most to you.

To find out more about free Advance care planning services and order an information pack visit, www.mycaremychoices.com.au
Queensland Statewide Office of Advance Care Planning
Phone: 1300 007 227 Email: acp@health.qld.gov.au





U3A Southport Shirts

Short and long sleeve U3A Southport polo shirts are available to purchase from Reception. If you prefer your own style, you can provide your own blue shirt and have U3A logo embroidered on it.



☺ *\$30 Short Sleeve*

☺ *\$32 Short Sleeve*

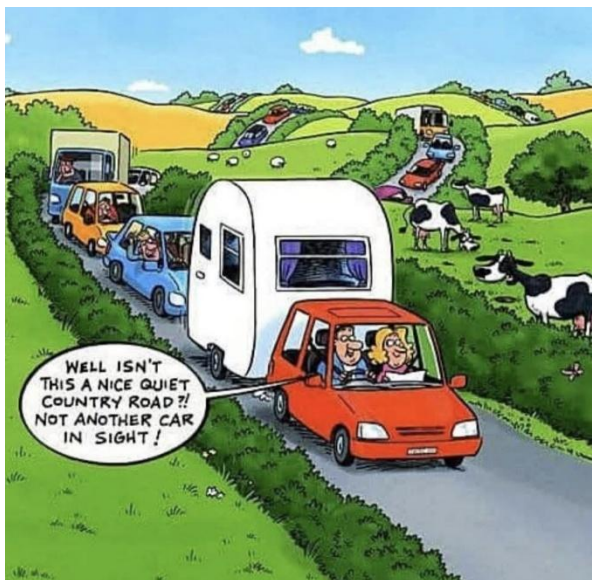


☺ *\$11 Embroidery on your own shirt*



Looking for Affordable Christmas Presents

Take a look at the wonderful original paintings, cards and artworks, handmade by U3A Southport members, for sale at Reception.



Friends of Opera Inc.

Operas and Ballet Presentations:

30 November *Die Walküre* by Richard Wagner

14 December *Patience* by Arthur Sullivan

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