



Highlights Of A Successful Year

- August 2016
 - AGM with an entertaining presentation by Phil Ackman on "Power".
 - Wonderful young people from YETI paint our building to really stand out.
- September 2016
 - New membership cards, everlasting plastic, up and running.
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 - "Does eating chocolate improve your brain function?" - An entertaining presentation by Tania McKirdy and Elizabeth Bradford.
 - New course on Public Speaking.
 - A stall at Cairns Money Expo.
- November 2016
 - Radio COTA podcasts Wednesdays. Cairns members sing a harmonious (?) Christmas carol for broadcasts.
 - At last a fire compliant front security door, reception not mourning the loss of the grill gate.
- December 2016
 - Christmas luncheon
 - Volunteers "thank you" Lunch, what would we do without them?
 - Members Christmas Party, fun and games for all.
- January 2017
 - A well earned break, then most tutors and Convenors back in business.
 - Our new, user friendly website is launched. Thank you Peta!
- February 2017
 - Presentation by Werner Rossback from Centre link.
 - Ron Powell appointed Office Manager.
 - Dylan Carey volunteers as Honorary Solicitor.
- March 2017
 - Bi-annual General Meeting, with speaker on body language
 - Beginnings of calendar project.
 - Silver Anniversary of Our Mah-jong group.
- April 2017
 - Gradual introduction of eye friendly lighting and replacement of light fixtures.
 - Bus trip to Port Douglas for lunch, a great idea, must do it again.

May 2017

- State conference on the Gold Coast.
- Oliver Wrathall presents "Caring for your Assets".
- calendar starts to become a reality, with a photo of James Bond.

• June 2017

- JCU second semester Open Day, more and more members attending JCU.
- Allison Worrell speaking on a varied and exciting nursing career.

• July 2017

- A new toilet (whoopie).
- Only seniors represented on the Cairns Regional Council.
- Cultural Strategy Consultation.
- Final photo shoot for Calendar.

• August 2017

- Launch of our Calendar and tremendous publicity.
- Another very successful Open Day.
- Chimes workshop by National President Carmel Daveson.
- AGM guest speaker Pauline O'Keefe, Cairns Historical Society.
- Very successful stall at Positive Ageing Fair.

Of course these highlights are above and beyond all our regular courses and activities.

The Tutors and Convenors do a terrific job. They are what's keeping us afloat. We have such a wide variety of classes and events, something for almost everyone; with new courses happening all the time. However, new tutors are always welcome.

The receptionists once again gave of their time to man the front office and deal with a thousand enquiries.

Other people who definitely deserve a mention include:

- the lecturers and staff at JCU who enrich our members,
- Dylan Carey, our honorary solicitor,
- Robert Barry, our auditor, and members who gave above and beyond the call of duty
- Kaye Steinert, for managing the JCU contingent,
- Zoe Wallace who is always there to lend a hand as well as organising our open day,
- and Carol and Chuck Rothwell who have given 110% to the calendar project.



Then of course, there has been a wonderful committee. Hopefully you know them all by now, as we have succeeded in instigating open and transparent management. Three very valuable members are hanging up their hats to pursue other ventures. Merrill Molloy, Chris Payze and YeoeY Damon have given their all, thanks guys.

Every one, Max, Rosalind, Peta, Elaine, Ron, Rod and of course the invaluable Bronwyn, has contributed in their own special fields to make Cairns U3A a vibrant and successful organisation. It has been a pleasure working with them all.

Just a brief personal message now. It is with some sadness that I am stepping down from the role as President because every member I have encountered has enriched my life in some way. I never forget that U3A is all about the members. I have every confidence that the new committee will continue to make this organisation thrive and the next twelve months will see us all achieving new levels of amazing fulfilment.