



President's Report. General Meeting 31st March 2017

2017 is flying by, and I am happy to report that U3A Cairns is in great shape.

Several new courses and many old favourites are on offer...over 40 at present count, but we are still looking for members willing to share their expertise in any field.

Once again the whole committee has been working tirelessly to ensure all systems are functioning smoothly. Words are inadequate to thank them.

Max is facing varied challenges keeping the building and infrastructure ticking along.

Rosalind is planning a variety of social events up to, and including Christmas.

Bron is balancing the books and ensuring we are in a sound financial position.

Merril is capably, if reluctantly, filling the role of Secretary. Bless her. Elaine produces the Bulletin, on time, each and every month. Chris keeps our name before the public and rakes in grant money as well. Peta has completely revamped the website. It is now so user friendly. I love it.

YeoeY continues her juggling act, with courses, tutors Convenors, rooms and times.

Rod keeps us supplied with everything from thumbtacks to battleships, so it seems.

One member of committee you may not have meet yet is our new Office Manager Ron Powell. Ron has hit the ground running. He brings a wealth of experience to the role.

August will soon be upon us, and with it comes a brand new committee. New faces always bring fresh ideas and a new focus. If you can see yourself filling any role, please align yourself with the present incumbent now to learn the ropes.



The receptionists also deserve special thanks for manning the coal face. Of course the Tutors and Convenors are the backbone of our organisation. Thank yous are also in order for several other people. Dianne Bastow, who thought she was just taking over this finances and ended up doing battle with the computer.

Kaye Steinert, who runs the JCU side of our organisation, and has put in much effort to get us back on track.

Ryan, our computer man, who gives us exceptional service at minimum cost.

Zoe Wallace, who is always at the forefront when we need a helping hand. These are all members and friends who give willingly of their time and provide just a little bit more.

We are saying farewell to our Honorary Solicitor, Erin Priest, who is moving on to pastures new in Brisbane.

Erin has provided invaluable advice on a range of issues during our time with us. We wish her well for the future.

At this point I would like to acknowledge the sad and untimely loss of Margaret Scammell. Margaret filled multiple roles in U3A over the years including President. Her name is on the wall, and she remains in our hearts and memories.

A couple of exciting new projects are in the pipeline for the coming months.

If you have always longed to play a musical instrument, but skipped the those piano lessons in your youth, we may have the answer. Consider hand bells and chimes.

Cairns is hosting the World Symposium next year. More information to come.

Our other project is a calendar, a special one featuring our members as their favourite movie moment. We already have a photographer and costume designer standing by and the cards in publisher people are enthusiastic as well.



Both these projects require coordinator, and I'm sure that with the talent we have, someone can capable manage these great initiatives. It has also been suggested we have a float for Festival Cairns, but this won't happen without someone to organise this.

In conclusion U3A Cairns is thriving, because of our membership, each and every one.