

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018 AGM – 31ST AUGUST 2018

WE HAVE COME TO THE END OF THE 2017 - 2018 YEAR AND FOR U3A CAIRNS INC IT HAS BEEN A SUCCESSFUL AND EVENTFUL YEAR. THERE WERE SEVERAL RESIGNATIONS FROM THE 2017-2018 COMMITTEE FOR A VARIETY OF PERSONAL REASONS, REGARDLESS THESE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALL WORKED FOR THE BENEFIT OF U3A CAIRNS AND IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS WHILE THEY WERE PART OF THE COMMITTEE.

OUR MEMBERSHIP HAD REACHED 665 BY AUGUST 27TH WITH 53 NEW MEMBERS JOINING SINCE 1ST JULY. THANKS TO JAC WATERS EFFORTS WHILE SHE WAS COURSE COORDINATOR OUR CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES ARE MORE VARIED THAN BEFORE. JAC RESIGNED FROM JUNE 30TH DUE TO HER HUSBAND'S HEALTH ISSUES AND WE SINCERELY THANK HER FOR ALL HER HARD WORK.

GRETCHEN DICKINS OUR JCU LIAISON COORDINATOR AGREED TO TAKE ON THE ROLE OF COURSE COORDINATOR AND SHE HAS OUR SINCERE THANKS FOR DOING SO, THIS IS A HUGE JOB AND GRETCHEN IS CURRENTLY ON A VERY STEEP LEARNING CURVE.

IN MAY WE RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE GAMING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND FOR \$7,357.00 TO PURCHASE CHIMES FOR OUR CHIMERS GROUP PLUS OTHER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SETTING UP THIS GROUP. THE CHIMERS NOW HAVE A BRAND-NEW SET OF CHIMES PLUS A SECURE CABINET TO STORE THEM.

ELAINE WATERS RESIGNED AS BULLETIN EDITOR IN MAY SHE HAS BEEN IN THIS ROLE SINCE APRIL 2016 AND WE THANK HER FOR ALL HER EFFORTS AND HARD WORK IN PRODUCING THE MONTHLY BULLETIN.

IN JULY THE PRESIDENT'S NEWS LETTER WAS INTRODUCED. THIS WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO BE AN INTERIM SOLUTION HOWEVER AS NO REPLACEMENT EDITOR HAS COME FORWARD THE PRESIDENT'S NEWS LETTER WILL CONTINUE, FOR NOW. MY AIM IS TO MAKE THIS MORE THAN JUST A LIST OF CLASSES AND PRODUCE A NEWS LETTER THAT CONTAINS NEWSY ITEMS OF INTEREST, PLUS A LITTLE HUMOUR COUPLED WITH INFORMATION ON CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES. FROM THE COMMENTS I HAVE RECEIVED I AM CONFIDENT THAT I HAVE ACHIEVED THIS.

SINCE I TOOK ON THE ROLE OF OFFICE MANAGER IN FEBRUARY 2017 I HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT WAYS TO TIDY THE RECEPTION AREA BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF NOTICES AND INSTRUCTION SHEETS IN AND AROUND RECEPTION. IN JUNE I COMPILED A BOOKLET FOR RECEPTIONISTS WHICH COMBINED ALL THESE NOTICES AND INSTRUCTIONS. THIS WAS INTRODUCED TO THE RECEPTIONISTS GROUP AT AN AFTERNOON TEA ON FRIDAY JUNE 22ND AND WAS WELL RECEIVED. THE RECEPTION AREA IS NOW A LOT TIDIER.

IN FEBRUARY LYN PELLET A NEW MEMBER JOINED THE COMMITTEE AS SECRETARY AND ROSA POWELL JOINED AS MINUTES SECRETARY, THESE TWO MEMBERS BROUGHT A LOT EXPERIENCE HAVING BEEN ON OTHER COMMITTEES. LYN PELLET IS UNABLE TO BE WITH US TODAY, SO ROSA WILL FULFIL THE SECRETARY'S ROLE. I THANK BOTH LYN AND ROSA FOR MAKING THEIR TIME AVAILABLE TO FULFIL THESE ROLES.

OUR SENIORS WEEK ACTIVITIES – OPEN DAY, THE CONNECTING SENIOR QUEENSLANDERS WITH TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP AND OUR STAND AT THE COUNCILS POSITIVE AGEING FAIR WERE ALL SUCCESSFUL IN VARYING DEGREES, THEY ALL ACHIEVED THE OBJECTIVE OF LETTING PEOPLE KNOW WE ARE HERE AND WHAT WE DO. I THANK EVERYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED IN ORGANISING THESE EVENTS.

I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANKS TO BRONWYN PEDLAR OUR TREASURER, GRANTS OFFICER AND MEMBERSHIP OFFICER, BRON SPENDS A GREAT DEAL OF TIME HERE LOOKING AFTER OUR FINANCES AND KEEPING THE MEMBERSHIP REGISTER UP TO DATE. SO, THANK YOU BRON.

THANK YOU ALSO TO PETA HERBERT OUR WEBMASTER WHO PUTS IN A LOT OF TIME KEEPING OUR WEBSITE UP TO DATE.

DENISE COLLYER OUR PRESIDENT AND SAFETY OFFICER FROM 2015 TO 2017 DECIDED NOT TO NOMINATE FOR THE 2018-2019 COMMITTEE I THANK DENISE FOR HER WORK AND SUPPORT WHILE ON THE COMMITTEE.

I WISH TO REMIND YOU THAT ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE VOLUNTEERS, AS ARE TUTORS, CONVENORS, RECEPTIONISTS AND OTHER MEMBERS WHO HELP ORGANISE THINGS SUCH AS OPEN DAY, GENERAL MEETINGS, NEW MEMBERS MEETINGS ETC. THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND I SINCERELY THANK ALL THESE MEMBERS FOR GIVING THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO HELP MAKE U3A CAIRNS THE SUCCESS THAT IT IS. VOLUNTEERS NUMBER APPROXIMATELY 120 WHICH IS ABOUT 20% OF OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP SO I ASK ALL OF YOU WHO DO NOT VOLUNTEER TO CONSIDER DOING SO THERE IS ALWAYS PLENTY TO BE DONE.

