

President Communique – September 2023

Dear U3A Executive Members

Breaking News. U3A Australia has now partnered with Officeworks to bring favourable pricing to U3As. This is just one of the benefits of now having an official national voice which strengthens our buying power.

All U3A Australia member U3As are entitled to register for a 30-Day Business Account and join the U3A Australia Buying Group with Officeworks. Queensland U3As are included as financial members of U3A Network Qld. The program provides you with the ability to:

- Access Business pricing to over 1300 consumable products on a wide range of office essentials including, office supplies, cleaning, washroom, catering products and much more
- Shop online or in-store with the option to manage your spending through multiple digital store cards for the one account
- Next-day FREE delivery for in-stock items in metropolitan areas for orders over \$55.00
- Access a dedicated Sales Support line
- Access to our commercial print offer, our Workspace Solutions (furniture) teams, Geeks2U and more.

U3As with an existing 30-Day Business Account

All U3A Australia member U3As with an existing 30 Day Business account are able to request to be added to the U3A Australia Buying Group.

To take advantage of this offer please have the Treasurer or main Admin Officer at your U3A email u3aaustralia@officeworks.com.au with your Account Number (Business Partner Number) and request to be added to the U3A Australia Buying Group. Once approved you will receive an email from Officeworks welcoming you to the U3A Australia Buying Group.

Comprehensive details on how to register are available on the U3A Australia website under the drop-down menu Resources. u3aaustralia.org.au

To other news now....

Our U3A Network Qld website is an excellent resource for information gathering and for promoting and sharing of happenings within your U3A. Our publicity officer, Greg Doolan can only post information that you send to him. To keep the Newsletter section of our website up to date see the following request from Greg.

As we all know, newsletters are a great way of keeping your members informed about what's happening in their U3A however, why not take this a step further? By sending your organisations newsletter to Network Queensland, we will publish to both the Newsletter section of the website and also the Network Facebook page. This will allow other U3As to read of your achievements such as successful events, classes that are unique and how your organisation has grown its

member base. Conversely, you may also learn from others from their successes and therefore improve your U3A, a win, win situation all round. Join those U3As that already send us their newsletters and be exposed to the wider Queensland audience and beyond. Please send your publication to: publicity@u3aqld.au Attention; Greg Doolan and we will ensure your newsletter receives the exposure it deserves.”

The recent Region Meeting, President’s Council and Tutor Co-ordinators Forum hosted by U3A Bribie Island was well attended by the U3As in the Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay Region. Feedback to Network confirms that Region Meetings are an important resource for U3As and therefore Network will continue to facilitate them again in 2024. A big Thank You to President Maree and her team for their hospitality.

Conference plans are well underway for the Qld Network State Conference 2024, themed “Lifelong Learning – a Scenic View” and hosted by U3A Beaudesert. Keep checking on the Network website for information as plans progress.

Most AGMs will now be over for 2023. If there was a change in your Executive team have you notified Network? It is important that Network keep our member details current.

If your U3A is on term break, enjoy and come back refreshed ready for Term 4.

Sincerely



Rhonda Weston AM
President

